

COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Rebuff To France

THE Saar has voted against independence and "Europeanisation" and has chosen instead to be tied to Germany. This is the conclusion to be drawn from the weekend vote. It is tempting to describe the result as "surprising" or "a shock." In fact it is neither, though it is regrettable in the extreme.

Last January M. Mendes-France, then Premier of France, and Dr Konrad Adenauer agreed to "share" the Saar by offering the territory an independent European status. It was hoped that this solution would end once and for all a problem which had bedevilled Franco-German relations for over 300 years. M. Mendes-France went so far as to make the Saar statute the main condition for French agreement to West German rearmament. Observers point out that as a result of the weekend vote this agreement has been undermined and that new friction is likely to arise between the two countries.

IN the past the Germans have always maintained that failing the establishment of a European community, they would never accept as permanent a solution which left 950,000 Saarlanders (who are undoubtedly German) outside the Fatherland. The French for their part could never accept any development that threatened to break up the marriage between Saar and Lorraine iron and steel which buttresses the French economy against superior German economic resources. This is the crux of the Saar problem. Earlier this year the French stated emphatically that the Saar resources should never be allowed to pass under the control of a rearmament Germany. Now Germany is rearming and the only possible conclusion to be drawn from the weekend referendum is that the Saar ultimately will gravitate back to Germany. To this extent it is a rebuff to French aspirations.

IT is of prime importance therefore that a new meeting between M. Faure and Dr Adenauer be held as soon as possible. If the outcome is nothing more than an exchange of assurances that no impetuous action will be taken by either side, there is some hope that this question may be settled under a new agreement.

With general elections pending in France an attempt should be made to hammer out a mutually agreeable solution before the end of this year. Otherwise there is the danger that on the hustings it may be inflated into a serious international issue. Western unity is the important consideration for both countries to keep in mind.

Bao Dai Goes

Nearer to Hongkong there was another referendum this week-end. In this vote Premier Ngo Dinh Diem was confirmed as head of state of South Vietnam. The undoubtedly presages the formal deposition of the former emperor, Bao Dai who has long shown himself incapable of bringing unity to his troubled country. It is doubtful whether Mr Diem is an ideal substitute although the voting figures appear impressive.

The chronic problem which the referendum does not solve at all is the sectional feuding which has gravely weakened central authority and undermined the country's political and economic stability. Mr Diem's rewording of the constitution might be welcomed if it heralded an end to these debilitating problems. But in fact it does nothing of the sort. The Premier possibly gains some increased prestige in his own country, but that and an assurance of continued American aid— is about all.

SAAR STATUTE REJECTED

Voters' Decisive "No" To European Status A TWO TO ONE MAJORITY

Saarbruecken, Oct. 23.

Six hundred thousand German-speaking Saarlanders today decisively rejected a plan to "Europeanise" their rich coal and steel territory under an independent commissioner.

In a referendum they threw out the European Statute drawn up a year ago by France and Germany in a bid to settle their long standing quarrel over who should rule the tiny 967-square mile valley.

Final figures (provisional) in the plebiscite were:

Yes: 212,973

No: 423,434

Not valid: 15,726

The rejection by an almost exact 2-1 vote is a great victory for Dr Schneider, 48-year-old former Nazi storm trooper who led the anti-Statute forces and a rebuff for 64-year-old Saar Premier, Herr Johannes Hoffman, who had urged adoption of the Statute.

Dr Schneider, a member of the Nazi Party and Saar expert in the Prussian Interior Ministry until the Nazis expelled him in 1937, led the pro-German parties' opposition to the Statute on the grounds it would make separation from Germany permanent.

Rallied by Dr Schneider, Chairman of the Democratic Party of the Saar, the Saarlanders turned out in their thousands today and it was estimated that about 96 per cent of those eligible voted.

Under the Statute the Saar, at present economically linked with France which controls defence and foreign affairs, would have gained local autonomy and the independent commissioner pending a peace treaty with Germany from which the Saar was separated in 1945.

1945 VOTE

With the rejection the status quo is expected to return and pro-German parties may be banned, as they were until July this year when they were allowed to come out into the open for the referendum campaign.

In a plebiscite in 1945, when Saarlanders had a choice of union with Germany, union with France or remaining under the League of Nations, there was a 90.39 per cent vote in favour of union with Germany. The vote was for Germany 477,119, for the League 36,513, for France 2,135, invalid 2,249.

Charm reigned in the streets late tonight, spite of forecasts by the Saar police chief that there would be demonstrations against Premier Johannes Hoffman in the event of rejection.

ALL PEACEFUL

A few hundred people gathered on Saarbruecken's main street but all was peaceful.

The anti-Statute parties published a statement tonight before the final result of the vote was known saying that the people of the Saar had:

1. Declared their desire for self-determination.
2. Declared their will to rejoin Germany.
3. Showed that they wanted to put an end to the economic union with France.
4. Rejected the Hoffman regime.

They called on the present parliament to dissolve itself so that a new government could be constituted. This new government would then resume negotiations on the future of the Saar.

The parties said that today's vote was not a vote against France. They called on the Western European Union to continue to guarantee the exercise of political freedom of the Saar.

SENDS CABLES

Earlier Dr Schneider, who hailed the result as a "victory for Germany," sent telegrams to Dr Thomas Dehler, Chairman of the Free Democratic Party, second largest in the Konrad Adenauer's government coalition, to Herr Jacob Kaiser, the Christian Democratic Minister for all German Affairs, and Herr Peter Altmeppen, Christian Democratic Premier of the bordering West German state of Rheinland-Palatinate.

The total votes cast were 641,132—96.7 per cent of the electorate.—Reuter.

Saar Government Premier Resigns

Saarbruecken, Oct. 24.

The government-controlled Saar radio announced today that the Premier of the Saar government, Johannes Hoffman, had resigned.

The announcement followed a midnight emergency session of the Saar Cabinet.

Informed sources said it discussed whether Herr Hoffman should resign as a result of the smashing defeat in Sunday's referendum.

The Helmschmied urged in a statement issued tonight the dissolution of the present Saar Diet, resignation of the Government of

Premier Johannes Hoffman, and new Diet elections.

The statement said the rejection of a "European status" for the Saar "is not a vote against France. It has created, on the contrary, conditions for lasting friendship with that country."

The organization asked France to respect the decision of the Saar people. The pro-German parties presented in the Helmschmied are the Christian Democrats, the German Socialist Party, United Press and Franco-Press.

Adenauer "Deeply Disturbed"

Bonn, Oct. 23.

Jubilant Bonn foes of the Saar statute declared a "victory for Germany and Europe" tonight and a "deeply disturbed" Chancellor Konrad Adenauer ordered his Cabinet to meet in an emergency session tomorrow.

While Dr Adenauer, worriedly following plebiscite returns from his sickbed, decreed a special sitting of his Cabinet under the acting Chancellor, Franz Blucher, for tomorrow, his Socialist Opposition leader, Erich Ollenhauer, tonight called for immediate election of a new Saar legislature (Landtag).

Herr Ollenhauer and Thomas Dehler, chairman of the Anti-Statute Free Democrats, joined forces in declaring the apparently landslide victory of the pro-German Parties at the Saar a "victory for Germany and Europe."

While the most fierce opponents of the Saar statute in the West German Parliament—the Socialists and Free Democrats—already had pronounced the defeat of the projected "European" solution of the Saar problem, Dr Adenauer and his government still kept quiet.

Hospitality For Newsmen

Saarbruecken, Oct. 23.

The Saar Government presented each of 300 journalists covering the Saar plebiscite with five cigars, 20 cigarettes and a bar of chocolate.

In addition, a free meal and free beer and wine were served to all journalists watching the official scoreboard in the Parliament building. Outside, 20 policemen patrolled the grounds of the Parliament building to keep out demonstrators.—China Mail Special.

But officials, who had been in telephonic contact with the pneumonia-ridden Chancellor at his nearby Rhodendorf home, revealed that the 79-year-old statesman and ardent supporter of the statute was "deeply disturbed" and "extremely worried."

Tomorrow his Cabinet will thrash out a formal statement after a discussion of the plebiscite results, officials said.

The Foreign Minister, Heinrich von Brentano, now on his way to Paris, will confer there tomorrow with his Western colleagues on the tricky question: "What now?"—United Press.

FINAL ASSAULT

Rabat, Oct. 23.

French infantry columns, backed by aircraft, attacked steep slopes in the Rif mountains of French Morocco today to reconquer the last important area still held by rebel tribesmen.

Military sources summing up the mountain situation after three weeks said serious rebel resistance had collapsed, but mopping-up could be expected to continue for a long time.—Reuter.

CYPRUS OUTRAGES

Curfew At Limassol Restored

Nicosia, Oct. 23.

A bomb exploded in Limassol, second largest town in Cyprus, tonight one hour after British authorities reinforced a dusk to dawn curfew.

More than 40,000 people, including about 200 British families, were sent behind the closed doors of their homes at sunset today as a dusk to dawn curfew was re-imposed on the island's two major towns, Limassol and Famagusta.

The curfews were imposed as a measure of mass punishment following incidents in the two towns in the past three days, in which eight people, including four Britons, were seriously injured. Living within the curfewed towns are mainly Service families.

An Army spokesman stated it was not practical at this stage to arrange their exemption from the curfew. But if the situation worsens, it was understood that plans would be made to move them into guarded areas outside the towns.

MOBILE PATROLS

The municipal authorities of both towns have made repeated protests against the curfew, stating it had a damaging effect on many businesses.

British troops and police maintained mobile patrols in Nicosia's Greek quarters all day today, and intensified them as dusk fell.

Elaborate security measures will be enforced at Nicosia court tomorrow morning as the assize court trial begins of Michael Karavolis, 33-year-old government official charged with the murder of a police constable, Hierodotus Poulas, on Nicosia's main street on August 28.

Chief Justice Sir Eric Hallinan, who will preside over the assizes, informed the Nicosia Bar Association yesterday that all members of the bench and bar and all court officers should be searched before entering the court.

CJ INCLUDED

Sir Eric also informed the association that he insists that he himself should not be exempt from the search.

The reason for this measure was that: "Should any incident accompanied by violence occur at the trial, any possibility of suspicion falling on anyone connected with the administration of justice should not be eluded."

A Turkish special constable, Mesud Seylik, was seriously injured in Limassol when a terrorist hurled a grenade at him.

The constable was cycling to duty within the Greek sector of Limassol when a bomb burst behind him. He was rushed to hospital.—Reuter.

Ike Loses Weight

Denver, Oct. 23.

President Eisenhower stood upright unaided today for the first time since his heart attack. The doctor showed that he had dropped four pounds in the month since he has been in hospital.—Reuter.

A Get-Together At Windsor Castle

Windsor, Oct. 23.

Observers here felt that Princess Margaret had talked with her sister, the Queen, and the Duke of Edinburgh in Windsor Castle today about her rumoured romance with Group Captain Peter Townsend.

It was believed that they had discussed the recent meetings between the princess and the 41-year-old divorced air attaché, which has set the world speculating about a possible marriage.

It was believed that a crisis had been reached within the royal family and that Margaret would at last have to make a definite stand about her future before her sister.

The Windsor get-together was seen as a crucial turning point in the drama that was built up during the past week since the Princess's reunion with Townsend.

The Queen, as head of the Church of England, may not formally approve her sister's marriage to a man whose first wife is still alive, but Margaret was believed to be ready to give

her a final decision about whether or not she would wed Townsend.

The group captain, most talked about man in Britain, stayed all day at his flat in Lowndes Square, London. He answered the door once to tell reporters he did not intend to go out until this evening.

But, as always, he declined to name his destination.—Reuter.

SYRIA RUSHES TROOPS TO ISRAELI BORDER Tension Grows In Middle East

London, Oct. 23.

Syria rushed reinforcements to her heavily fortified 50-mile border with Israel today after a violent clash last night deepened the already growing tension between Israel and her Arab neighbours.

The Syrians said an Israeli unit penetrated half a mile into Syria, stopped two Syrian patrol cars, took five men prisoners, and then killed a Syrian officer and two soldiers before being driven off.

Israel said the Syrians had been holding four Israelis for months and had kidnapped another in a series of recent raids. The raid was held to be a "retaliatory" attack.

RED ARMS UNLOADING AT ALEXANDRIA

Cairo, Oct. 23.

Six Communist vessels are unloading Czech arms at Alexandria, it was reported tonight by authoritative sources.

Among the cargo are huge crates, probably containing tanks and armoured vehicles for the Egyptian Army, the sources said.

The Army imposed the strictest secrecy on the activities in the Alexandria area and declared the entire area a restricted military zone.

The closed-off area covers a region stretching five miles along the coast and five miles inland. Authorities ordered the evacuation of all residents from the fashionable beach resorts west of Alexandria.

Traffic between Cairo and Alexandria on the desert road which traverses the Mox and Agami districts were diverted by Army headquarters orders.

Policemen guarding traffic checkpoints leading to Alexandria harbour were replaced by Army troops to insure complete military security.

Murder Of Boys

Chicago, Oct. 23.

A man picked up in Tennessee with scratches on his arms and shoulders and possible blood stains on his shirt was brought here today for questioning in the strangling of three schoolboys.

Sheriff Joseph Lohman said the man was found at Taswell, Tennessee, asleep in his car. Sheriff Lohman said the man, described as a Chicago resident about 27 years old, had been here at the time of the slaying last week.

Sheriff Lohman declined to say what connection the man might have with the crime. He said the man would be given a lie detector test tomorrow morning.

The Sheriff ordered extra guards over the prisoner.

YOUTHS CLEARED

Lie detector tests earlier today had cleared two youths named as members of an alleged "teen org" gang and rounded up in the feverish search for the slayers of the three young schoolboys.

The lie test of a third youth was described as "inconclusive" because he was too excited and another test was scheduled for him tomorrow.

An 18-year-old girl rounded up with the youths refused to take a lie test but the police said they believed she knew nothing and attached no significance to her refusal.—United Press.

Kept Secret

The identity of the six ships which brought the arms was not revealed by officials.

Maritime sources said, however, that the Egyptian Government's policy is to commission Egyptian ships for arms imports instead of foreign ships.

These informants specifically denied reports that the Russian ship Stalingrad carried arms to Egypt. They said the Soviet vessel called regularly at Alexandria on commercial cargo service and was not chartered for military cargoes to Egypt.

The Communist arms arrived nearly a month after the departure of Major-General Hassan Ragab, Under-Secretary of War, to Czechoslovakia, observers noted.—United Press.

Train Leaves Track

Baltimore, Oct. 23.

Twenty-two passengers were injured today when 14 cars of a Pennsylvania Railroad train left the track at 75 miles per hour and overturned about 24 miles north of here.—United Press.

REPORT DENIED

The Soviet news agency, Tass, tonight reported that it was authorized to deny a United States State Department report saying the Soviet bloc was also ready to supply arms to Israel, which fears the Egyptian deal will upset the arms balance in the Middle East.

Mr Moshe Sharett, Israeli Prime Minister, flew to Paris today to tell the "Big Four" foreign ministers of Israel's fears on this score and to warn the West that Israel needed arms and a defence pact from them or would look elsewhere.

In Paris, Mr Sharett, said that he regarded Britain's decision to speed her arms supplies to Iraq "an added threat to Israel's security."

He was answering correspondents' questions after landing for talks with the Big Three foreign ministers on the critical Middle Eastern situation.—Reuter.

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Not Dealing Effectively With Problems

EGYPT DETERMINED TO IMPLEMENT BANDUNG ACCORD

Cairo, Oct. 23.

Lieutenant-Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, the Egyptian Premier today accused the United Nations on the 19th anniversary of its Charter for not "dealing effectively" with the problems of Palestine, North Africa and "mad armaments policies."

The Premier added: "Nor had the United Nations taken any decisive action in problems which came in the wake of the atomic bomb threatening humanity as does with unspeakable horrors."

"Egypt is determined to implement the Bandung (Afro-Asian) conference resolutions foremost among which is full adherence to the principles of the United Nations Charter."

Egypt would also advocate and support the right of every people to self-determination and would continue to pursue her policy aimed at avoiding all causes for discord through adherence to blocs.

He said that although the United Nations Organisation had succeeded in solving a number of problems it, giving the world's peoples a universal declaration of human rights, "it has not effectively dealt with several cases such as the problems of Palestine, North Africa and mad armaments policies."

US FOREIGN AID DOWN LAST YEAR

Washington, Oct. 23.

Net United States foreign aid during the 12 months which ended on June 30 was \$4,500 million, the Commerce Department announced today.

This was \$760 million less than in the previous fiscal year. The department attributed the decrease to a 28 per cent drop in military aid to Europe.

Other types of aid increased by 23 per cent during the 12 months.

These other types of aid, including relief shipments, development aid, technical assistance, and cash payments for the support of French troops in Indo-China, totalled 1,900,000,000 dollars in the fiscal year 1955.

The cash payments for the support of troops in Indo-China was classed as non-military aid because it was considered to be financial assistance to France and the three Indo-Chinese states, replacing sums spent by them of their troops.

Cash payments of this type to France during the fiscal year which ended on June 30 totalled more than 500 million dollars.

The decline in military aid deliveries of goods and services applied mostly to Western European countries, the report said. Since 1953 shipments of military aid have fallen off by approximately 50 per cent.

Reuter.

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US Navy Advocates A-Power Subs

Washington, Oct. 23.

The Navy is ready to switch to an all-atomic submarine programme and would like to build nine of the deadly undersea marauders in the fiscal year starting July 1, it was disclosed today.

An authoritative Defence Department source said the Navy has included funds for the nine submarines in its proposed budget for next year. But chances are that budget planners will cut the request because of the exceedingly high costs of nuclear craft.

Nine new submarines would be twice the rate of construction approved in this year's budget, and one more than the total number of atomic submarines built under construction or authorised by Congress for sometime in the future.

The atomic submarine, with a price tag ranging from \$40,000,000 to \$60,000,000, is about twice as costly as conventional submarines. Construction of mine would take a sizable chunk of the Navy's funds, probably at the sacrifice of modernising other vessels.

The general expectation both in the Navy and Defence Department is that the number will be cut as the atomic request is balanced off against the needs of other military programmes.

One highly placed official predicted the budget will propose building five or six A-sub.

Less Costly

If Defence Department budget planners cut back the atomic submarine programme, the probability is that the Navy will be authorised to build less costly conventional subs as substitutes. However, an all-atomic submarine fleet has some staunch advocates in Congress.

Chairman Clifton P. Anderson of the Congressional Atomic Energy Committee has criticised the Navy for not increasing its atomic sub programme. Sen. Henry M. Jackson, another committee member, has accused the service of "dredging its feet" on atomic power.

The Navy, which pioneered in the harnessing of atomic power, is not quite ready to step completely into the nuclear era of sea power. It probably will be another year before it seeks funds to build an atomic-

powered carrier and usher in the day of nuclear-powered surface ships.

In the traditional stage between conventional and atomic power, the Navy has pursued a policy of building both conventional and atomic submarines.

Flood Victim Rescued In Greece



Greece, like India and the US, has been hard hit recently by floods. Following hours of torrential rains, vast areas of Athens and Piraeus were turned into enormous lakes. More than 1,500 homes were abandoned, and units of the Greek Army went to the assistance of the beleaguered people. A typical scene during the floods is shown here - a policeman wades through waist-high water to rescue a small child. -Express Photo.

'No Americans Admitted' Sign Angers Residents

London, Oct. 23.

A "no Americans admitted" poster pinned up in a local dance hall at Swindon, Wiltshire, has angered many local inhabitants as well as United States servicemen stationed at nearby bases.

Mr. Peter Reddaway, who runs the Ritz Ballroom, claims that the ban, imposed after the Americans have been using the hall for five years, is part of a "clean-up" to improve attendance at weekend dances. He said that a recent influx of coloured men, although well behaved, caused large numbers of white Americans and "the better type of girls" to stay away.

Then less desirable girls started coming to the hall and presented him with problems.

Unable to enforce a colour bar, he decided for the time being to ban all Americans, white as well as Negro.

This is purely a commercial proposition, Mr. Reddaway claims. "I am not anti-American. I am pro-British and pro-Reddaway. If I thought plastering the hall with the words 'Go home, Yank' would be good for business, I would do it." -China Mail Special.

COLD SHOULDER

Friedland, Oct. 23.

A small stack of telegrams were waiting at Friedland Camp for prisoners returning here under the Soviet amnesty to tell them "Please do not come back to me."

Camp officials said these telegrams came from women who had not heard from their husbands until early this year and who had married another man in the meantime. -China Mail Special.

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US Accepts Italy Into Family Of 'Big Powers'

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Dulles—A Good Guy in Italian

Rome, Oct. 23.

The United States took Italy into the family of "big powers" today in a move designed to bolster this strategic peninsula against communism and neutralism.

The key new role assigned to Italy on the world stage was the major upshot of a 20-hour visit which turned into a big personal triumph for US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles.

With an eye on the chaotic situation in the Mediterranean and Middle East and the constant pressure on Italy's democratic leaders at home, Mr. Dulles agreed on the Italian plea for more consultations on world affairs, especially on the crises rocking this area.

Hailing Italy as "one of the great powers" and "important," Mr. Dulles touched a chord which proved music to the ears of the hard-pressed Government of Christian Democrat Antonio Segni. His statements praising Italy produced the biggest, blackest bannerlines in Italy since the Trieste crisis.

A Toast

Italy's anti-Communists toasted Mr. Dulles in glowing phrases. "A man who makes good sense," said President Giovanni Gronchi.

Church Service For Kabaka

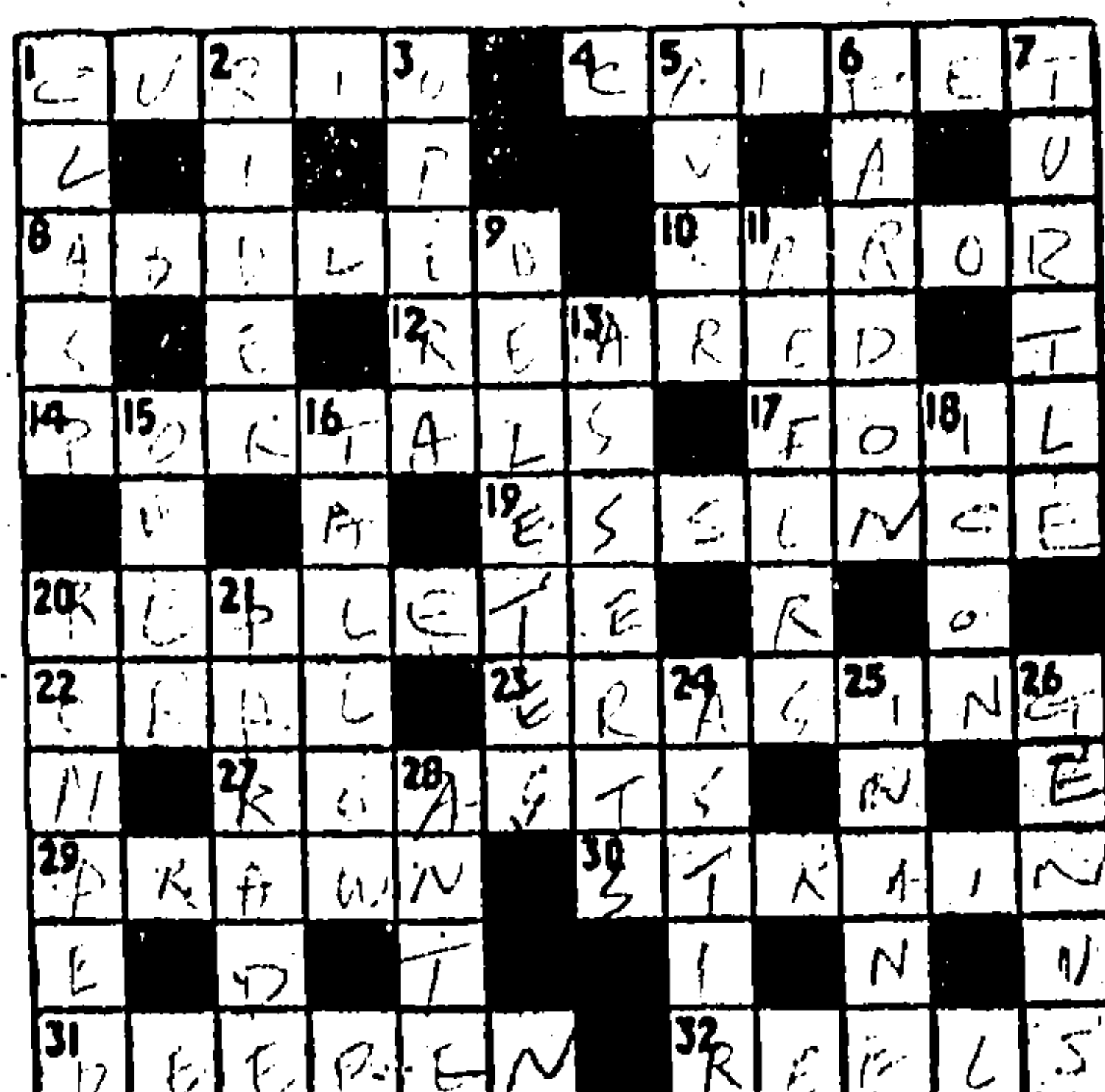
Entebbe, Oct. 23. Thousands of the subjects of the Kabaka Mutesa II attended special church services throughout Uganda today in thanksgiving for the Kabaka's return from two years of exile.

The Kabaka, with his Nalagere (queen), attended a service conducted by the Bishop of Uganda (the Right Reverend Leslie W. Brown) at Namirembe Anglican Cathedral.

With the Governor of Uganda, Sir Andrew Cohen, and many other Government officials, they heard the Bishop declare:

"We have called upon God in our trouble and he has answered us. Our nation has been brought to a turning point in its history." — China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Museum place (5).
 - Door covering (6).
 - Confused (6).
 - Skip (5).
 - Brought up (6).
 - Gateway (7).
 - Defect (4).
 - Extract (7).
 - Full (7).
 - Spoken (4).
 - Rubbing out (7).
 - Cook (5).
 - Shellfish (6).
 - Stress (6).
 - Make more profound (6).
 - Staggers (5).
- DOWN**
- Clutch (5).
 - Additional clause (5).
 - Musical word (5).
 - Asset (4).
 - Forgive (6).
 - Repulse (6).
 - Expunges (7).
 - Alludes to (6).
 - Affirms (7).
 - Past (4).
 - Candle-grease (6).
 - Sacred figure (4).
 - Frolicked (6).
 - Show off (6).
 - On the move (5).
 - Foolish (5).
 - Kind (5).
 - Poker stake (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3. Arranges, 8. Opal, 9. Estimate, 11. Elevated, 12. Fell, 13. Completed, 18. Detests, 19. Lent, 21. Congress, 22. Compares, 23. Lien, 27. Disaster. Down: 1. Posa, 2. Bait, 4. Ray, 5. Aird, 6. Grace, 7. Shell, 9. Eased, 10. Tenet, 12. Loose, 14. Lutes, 16. Tumor, 17. Drops, 19. Lacks, 20. Names, 21. Odds, 23. More, 25. Exit, 26. Sing.



Last Thursday judges had the hard but delightful task of selecting "Miss World" from among these luscious beauties at the Lyceum, London. The winner was Miss Susana Djulin (Venezuela) extreme right (back row) and Miss Margaret Anne Haywood (USA) on her right. In picture are: back row, left to right: Pastora Pagan (Honduras); Arna Bjorlefsdottir (Iceland); Evelyn Foley (Eire); Miriam Kotler (Israel); Franca Incorvala (Italy); Josette Traversa (Monaco); Anita Astrand (Sweden); Margaret Anne Haywood (USA); and Susana Djulin (Venezuela). Front row, left to right: Beverley Provine (Australia); Ghislain Rosette (Belgium); Viola Sita Gunarino (Ceylon); Gilda Marin (Cuba); Karin Palm Raasmussen (Denmark); Mirva Orvola (Finland); Giselle Thierry (France); Jennifer Chimes (Great Britain) and Engelina Kalkoven (Holland).—Express Photo.

French Deputies Weigh Chances In Elections

By Harold King

Paris, Oct. 24.

Six hundred French deputies have this week-end "taken the country's pulse" to see whether snap elections in December would be popular and would help them get re-elected.

The Government's bill to legalise a poll in December instead of next June, when it is due, will be tabled in the Assembly on Tuesday. The first discussion on the subject is expected on Friday, when the Deputies will decide whether to give urgent priority to a debate on the subject or not.

The centre right wing forces supporting snap elections are conducting a big newspaper campaign with headlines such as "Quick elections are France's last chance of keeping North Africa."

It seems certain that the authorities take a graver view of the position in North Africa than they allow to find expression in their public announcements.

The Defence Minister, General Pierre Billotte, has returned from a four-day tour of visits to Tunisia, Algeria and Rabat. Usually reliable quarters said he was convinced France faces a long, expensive and arduous task in North Africa.

Tell Spain

He is expected to urge the Government to tell Spain there must be better Spanish supervision of certain parts of the frontier between Spanish and French Morocco.

Groups of rebels keep crossing the frontier from Spanish Morocco in the region of Oudja and the Moulouja River, according to French intelligence officers.

It is pointed out that if, as seems likely from recent Government statements, more men will have to be called up to deal with the rebellion in North Africa, the resulting political unpopularity would fall chiefly on the centre and right-wing parties.

A new parliament with deputies elected in five years of office is thought more likely to take unpopular if necessary decisions than one facing elections only six months distant.

Mr. Nixon is Chairman of the President's Committee on Government Contracts. He was involved by discrimination in employment. Mr. Nixon said in a radio interview.

"If all of the people who have been held back in some way were allowed to advance to their full capacity they would represent a tremendous market, which would raise everybody's standard of living."

Mr. Nixon is Chairman of the President's Committee on Government Contracts. He was involved by discrimination in employment. Mr. Nixon said in a radio interview.

Under these restrictions, he said, employment agencies sometimes are ordered "not to send any Negroes, or any Jews, or any Catholics, and occasionally any Protestants."

Mr. Nixon said all government contracts include a clause prohibiting discrimination in employment opportunities. He said the Government expects compliance with this "just as it expects the contractor to meet requirements as to quality and quantity."

Miss World Contest

PRESIDENT LOPES' VISIT TO UK NATO Partnership Significance

Washington, Oct. 23.

One important aspect of the coming state visit of Portuguese President Francisco Hlgono Gravello Lopes to Great Britain is increased public awareness of Portugal's role of a reliable partner in the Western defence alliance.

This is the view held by United States officials who long have acknowledged the substantial contribution the Iberian nation has extended to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation since 1950.

These officials feel, however, that public opinion with its interest focussed mainly on the activities of the larger world powers tend to overlook the important participation of the smaller nations in the free world's defence system.

President Eisenhower and other leaders of the Western alliance, on the other hand, have repeatedly stressed that the democracies could not function properly if it were not for the support of these nations.

One instance of the close cooperation among the Western nations is the forthcoming Paris NATO council meeting at which the Foreign Ministers of France, Britain and the United States will share their plans for the Geneva conference with the Foreign Ministers of all other NATO partners.

Portuguese Foreign Minister Dr. Paulo Cunha may still be able to attend the Paris talks, scheduled for next Wednesday, before he joins President Lopes in London. Should the President want him along when he meets Queen Elizabeth on Tuesday, however, then Marcelo Caetano, Minister of the Presidency, will represent Portugal at the council.

As it is, emphasis the voice of the smaller countries, US Secretary of State John Foster Dulles recently had a round of talks with Halvard Lange and Joseph Luns, the Foreign Ministers of Norway and Holland, respectively.

On November 30, the Secretary expects Dr. Cunha on a three-day official visit to Washington. US officials have expressed great satisfaction over Dr. Cunha's acceptance of the invitation.

He was here last in 1950 after attending a NATO council meeting in New York. Officials observed that there are no outstanding matters between the two countries and that in inviting Dr. Cunha, Mr. Dulles primarily wished an occasion for a frank exchange of views at a time when Western solidarity is facing the challenge of Russia's new "soft" foreign policy.

They said that the people of the United States still remember Portugal for its wartime help in letting this country and Great Britain utilise the Azores for naval and air bases. The agreement on the Azores, they pointed out, probably was one of the most far-reaching contracts conceded by a neutral nation during World War II. — United Press.

Egypt Alleges British Violation

Cairo, Oct. 23. Egypt today charged Britain with violating the Anglo-Egyptian agreement on the Sudan, signed in February, 1953. The charge concerned a British official statement that Britain would approve a decision by the Sudanese Parliament to proclaim the country's independence.

A communiqué published by the Egyptian Government here this afternoon described the statement as constituting a "flagrant violation" of the Anglo-Egyptian agreement. It said Britain was "seeking solely the achievement of her own ends in the Sudan."

The statement was made two days ago by Mr. Luce, Political Counselor to the British Government of the Sudan in a declaration to the Sudan Independence Party newspaper Al Oumma. — France-Press.

Ottawa, Oct. 23. Canada, which received its millionth immigrant since World War II last year, will next year complete its millionth house since the war. Calculating that Canada's population of roughly 15 million will have increased to 17,500,000 by 1975, Mr. Robert Winter, the Minister of Public Works, estimates that another two million houses will have to be built in the next 20 years. — China Mail Special.

Persians Win Cat Awards

Paris, Oct. 23.

Blue Persians won the two first prizes for the most beautiful cat in the world competition in Paris tonight. The prize for a tom-cat went to Madame Walter of Paris two-year-old "Cy Boh de Chantrelle" and the prize for a female cat to another Paris-born two-year-old Blue Persian, "Delphine de Chantrelle," owned by Madame Lucien Dautromont.

A Siamese cat, "Dana-railo Leo," owned by Frau Eytzinger of Germany carried off the prize for the most beautiful short-haired cat.

The awards were made at the end of the 29th Cat Exhibition organized by the Paris Cat Club. — France-Press.

'Make Geneva History's Turning Point'

Hyderabad, Oct. 23.

The All-India conference for Asian solidarity, attended by 1,000 delegates from all over India, at a plenary session here today urged the Big Four foreign ministers to make their Geneva talks "a turning point in history by reaching agreement to end the arms race."

It also adopted resolutions declaring:

1. Utilisation of atomic energy for peaceful purposes could redeem the masses from their age-long poverty and misery.

2. Peoples' China should be given its rightful place in the United Nations immediately.

3. Support for Indian Prime Minister Nehru's proposal for a Geneva-type conference for settlement of Asian problems.

4. Continued occupation of any part of India by a foreign power was an infringement of India's sovereignty. The attitude of every government on the question of the Portuguese settlements in India was an acid test of its professions of peace and its loyalty to the United Nations Charter.

5. There should be an end to colonialism and imperialism. Member nations who voted at the United Nations General Assembly for inclusion of Algeria on the agenda were congratulated. — Reuters.

Pakistan Envoy Recalled

Kabul, Oct. 23.

The Pakistan Ambassador was ordered by his government today to leave Afghanistan following the recall of the Afghan Charge d'Affaires from Karachi.

Circles close to the government here believe his recall was a natural conclusion of political disagreements between the two countries remaining unresolved. It caused no surprise here.

It was believed possible the Afghanistan-Pakistan border may be closed again. — United Press.

St Paul's Service

London, Oct. 23.

Britain's naval leaders today attended a special service at St Paul's Cathedral in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

Admiral Lord Nelson, victor of the battle and England's most famous seaman, is buried in the Cathedral crypt. The service was staged by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. J. P. L. Thomas, members of the Board of the Admiralty and a representative naval contingent. — China Mail Special.

POW Turned Down Fortune

Friedland, Oct. 23.

A German prisoner returned from Soviet Russia refused the offer of a home and the chance to inherit a prosperous German textile business.

The offer was made by a rich German businessman, and his wife who travelled specially to Friedland to find a suitable returning prisoner. They asked to remain anonymous.

They chose 30-year-old Ludwig Breitenbach, who said he was a mechanic by trade and wanted to finish his training. — China Mail Special.

Trade Unions Behind Peron's Successor

New York, Oct. 23.

ARGENTINA'S new President said today he was sure the labour unions created by ex-President Juan Peron would support "austerity" measures needed to correct the economic abuses of the Peron regime.

In a filmed television interview shown here today, the provisional president, Eduardo Lonardi, said Argentina undoubtedly would need foreign economic and technical aid in getting back on its financial feet.

Although he declined to give details of Argentina's troubles, the President said Peron left the country in a "highly critical economic and financial situation."

Reports circulating in Buenos Aires said Peron left Argentina in debt by some US\$500,000,000 at home and \$1,200,000,000 abroad. Argentina "will have to follow a regime of austerity... to be able to come out of the highly critical economic situation in which I found it," President Lonardi said.

Loyal Backing

Asked whether he thought the General Federation of Labour (CGT) would support his belt-tightening programme, he replied: "I have the loyal and sincere backing of the trade unions and the labour movement... I am convinced that if we follow a policy of austerity, which we need for this country to recuperate its former position, there is no doubt that I can count on the labour groups."

The CGT is the only major Peronist organisation that has not been disbanded or drastically reorganised by the Lonardi regime.

Asked whether Argentina would need "every intensive aid from outside" to restore its economy, President Lonardi said: "Without any doubt we shall need foreign aid. In what measure and to what extent, I could not say now."

The provisional President said his government would remain in power only as long as necessary to arrange "free and fair" as possible legislative elections; and then, he said, "the people will choose the regime chosen by the people." — United Press.

RAAF SENDING SABREJETS TO MALAYA

Singapore, Oct. 23.

JET fighter-bombers will soon go into action in Malaya's war against Communist terrorists in the jungles, it was learned today.

They are to be used by the Australian Air Force's Strategic Reserve Force in the fight against the Reds. The force is to be based at Butterworth in north Malaya, where 1,200 troops from "Down Under" arrived last week.

The Australian version of the American F-86 Sabrejet is powered by a British Rolls-Royce Avon engine and is reported to have broken the sound barrier on its first official flight near Melbourne recently.

Two Squadrons

It is claimed that the Avon Sabrejet has a higher performance than any Sabrejet seen in action in the Korean war.

Two Australian squadrons, which will receive Avon Sabrejets, are scheduled to come to Malaya. The first of these is No. 3 Squadron based at Williamsburg in Victoria, which won fame in World War II.

The Avon Sabrejet is armed with two 30mm Avon cannons and can carry 16 rockets and two 500-pound bombs. — United Press.

San Nicolas, Aruba, Oct. 23. Queen Juliana and Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands left by air today for St Maarten to board a warship that will carry them to Saba, next stop on their tour of Dutch possessions in Latin America. "The royal couple is expected to leave Saba early tomorrow." — United Press.

CUMMINGS in America



REMORSE ON CAPITOL HILL: Englishman, overcome by the iniquities of his forebears and ashamed of his nationality, hides his umbrella and tries hard to look like an American citizen.

London Express Service

Buchanan Becomes The Rage Of Paris

(with some help from the x-girl)

ONE of the least likely screen marriages of all time has been contracted in front of the cameras in a rambling French studio about three miles from the Arc de Triomphe.

It is between that tall Scot Jack Buchanan, playing the ultra Englishman in the film of the French bestseller, "Major Thompson Lives in France"—and Martine Carol.

Mr Buchanan we know of old. Martine Carol is not so familiar. For as the most constantly and completely exposed film star in

Europe, she has had more feet of film displaying her artistic development cut out by the British censor in the last few years than the average woman actress sees of her well-dressed self on the screen in a life-time.

Mr Buchanan has always been a man for the masses. Mlle. Carol is a lady whose most innocuous smile takes in an X certificate.

She was, at the moment I first saw her, standing confidently by the bed.

On a blackboard by the far wall were chalked the words: "You darling, are you coming home soon? I have a great need to take you in my arms."

These were yesterday's words. Today "Hei" was home. The marital bed in the marital bedroom was very elegant, gilded, canopied. It had just one peculiarity. Above the pillows, draped with muslin, was the very large head of a long-dead water buffalo.

Immediately below the head of the water buffalo was the head of Jack Buchanan. Even in striped pyjamas he looked his own elegant, indestructible self.

He looked comfortable too; he looked with obvious pleasure on Martine Carol. And yet he looked worried.

A bad egg

FIRST there had been trouble with breakfast. For a "typically English" breakfast the French technicians had provided a huge silver dish said to contain kidneys, a bad boiled egg, some excessively long Chipolata sausages and a large plate of smoked salmon.

Buchanan and Walter Goetz, the English artist, had done their best to disguise the smoked salmon as crisp bacon and the Chipolatas to something nearer a pork banger. There had been trouble, however, in getting the kidneys removed: a major operation apparently against the wishes of the French technicians.

But this was not all Buchanan's "No visitors" said Preston Sturges, the heavily-American director of this Anglo-French film. The bells rang. The red light flashed. Jack Buchanan raised up at the water buffalo, agonisingly resigned.

Martine Carol hitched a strap and radiated bedside confidence. "Poor Jack," Walter Goetz said as we left the studio and went into the canteen for a nourishing glass of orange juice.

"Poor old Jack—it's his turn to speak French. He doesn't like speaking French."

Not so funny

"MAJOR THOMPSON" started his life as a book and has made publishing history already in France. Half a million copies sold in its first year is a record as well as something of a compliment to the French character. For "the Major," a caricatured, honourable, retired Indian Army officer was created in words by Pierre Daninos and drawings by Goetz with a very ulterior motive. Major Thompson tells the French the truth about themselves.

As a kind of sop (vianigrette) he also lets out a few things about the English, which naturally are not so funny.

Such as: "The French devote to love the care we bring to making tea." And—"If only Englishmen could have discovered some way of bringing children into the world without having anything to do with women, they would have been the happiest people on earth."

Major Thompson's strictures on the French character are more

Wherever he goes he is known. "I don't like it," he says with complete sincerity. "I've always hated being recognised in public. Never got used to it."

"We've been in Paris almost three months," he went on. "Great fun. Don't know what I'm going to do next. Oh, yes. Going to New York for some television."

"Of course I'd like to do a musical again. The difficulty is finding them."

"No I've no nostalgia at all for the twenties and thirties. I never think of them. What's done is done. What matters is today and tomorrow. They matter a lot."

"And tomorrow," his wife broke in, "begins at 7.30. Learning your French lines. It's midnight now."

We left Buchanan and his lovely young American wife Susie standing arm in arm at the foot of the stairs, looking as if they were taking just one more curtain call in a hugely expensive production that might run for ever.

I suppose in a sense they were. (Continued)



The Original Major Thompson

On the occasion of the 40th International Motor Show in Britain, it is well to remember the man, who, probably more than any other individual, laid the foundation of the British car industry.

Next to his employees, Oxford University has benefited most from the generosity of the man who laid the foundation of the British car industry. A self-educated man himself, he maintains an official but jovial—mock—contempt for universities. Yet universities—principally Oxford, London and Durham—have benefited handsomely from his generosity.

He spent £1,000,000 building Nuffield College at Oxford. The College is devoted to post-graduate work in the social sciences. Originally, he wanted to build a college of applied engineering; but the University balked and he gave in.

Lives Quietly

Since then medicine, research in the care of aged, and a score of other projects have received his attention. The biggest grant went to the Nuffield Foundation, which got an initial £10,000,000 for research work in applied social science—evidence that the Oxford dons must have been pretty persuasive when they talked him out of engineering.

Once he put £100,000 into a Red Cross collecting box. The woman holding the box was so surprised that she forgot to give him a flag.

As for himself, he lives quietly. He once remarked that he found it difficult to spend £2,000 a year. He still hates holidays, has never owned a yacht, and prefers to eat simply. So he will go on giving away money until he stops building cars. And he doesn't see that happening.

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Screen's First Glamour Queen

From RONALD SINGLETON

New York Alice, long since forgotten but she was always the rage. even by Hollywood, died the other day, aged 65.

"If I were to die and go to heaven, all I would ask for would be to be made like Alice Joyce," said an enraptured admirer in the flickering, silent film days of the early twenties.

Alice was Hollywood's first real glamour queen—graceful, dark-haired and dark-eyed. She filled the scrapbooks of the film fans of that day, and she made the American box-office conscious for the first time of what an industry Hollywood would some day be. They flocked to see "Womanhood," "The Glory of the Nation" and "Daddy's Gone A-hunting."

She might be a queen or a poor girl scrubbing floors.

His Capital

He was not quite seventeen, and his total capital was four guineas. His workshop was the basement of his home.

Soon he was building bicycles. He sold the first one to a clergyman, a transaction which gave him a great deal of pleasure. A bicycle that was sound enough for a clergyman would be judged sound enough for anybody.

He was right. Soon he was flooded with orders.

He made racing bikes and raced them himself; it was good advertising. Then he moved to motorcycles.

He used no plans for his early creations; he had read no books on mechanical engineering. He worked by instinct.

These were the days of the first automobiles. And the first bikes were pretty shaky. When things went wrong, Oxford motorists came to Morris. He was the best mechanic they knew.

That way he was almost forced into the motor car business. The queue of broken automobiles outside his shop was growing so large that he thought he ought to do something about it.

Never Back

He thought he could make a sounder automobile than those he was repairing. And he thought he could do it for about £200—far less than the going price of those he was repairing.

He did. And he has never looked back. One of his problems has been how to dispose of the money he made.

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HKAAA OPEN MEETING

A GOOD SEASON AHEAD
IN MIDDLE AND LONG
DISTANCE RUNNING

By "RECORDER"

There is a good season ahead in the middle and long distance running. Results at yesterday's HKAAA Open Meeting, the first athletic meeting of the new season, suggest this. There were grim struggles over both the Half Mile and Mile route, with even the unplaced very much in the hunt, and some of the Colony's best runners at these distances were not in action.

On the basis of the performances in the two-day meeting at the Army ground, Boundary Street, it seems that the Colony records for 800 Metres, 880 Yards, 1,500 Metres, One Mile, Three Miles, 5,000 Metres, 400 Metres and 440 Yards Low Hurdles, Pole Vault, Hop, Step and Jump and Discus Throw will be threatened this season.

One of the most interesting features of the meeting was the success of the Royal Air Force, who took third place in the 440 Yards, first in the 880 Yards, fourth in the Pole Vault, fourth in the Long Jump, second in the Hop, Step and Jump and first in the Shot Put and Discus Throw.

No Colony records fell. One of two records that did fall was a most interesting one, the Boundary Street ground record in the Ladies' Long Jump which went to South China's diminutive Fung Sik at 15 feet 11 1/2 inches. The old record of 15 feet 8 inches was set on December 21, 1952, by Rita Hall.

Not one of the great triumvirate of Rita Hall, Deborah Hurlbutt or Jennifer Hart ever did well in the Long Jump at Boundary Street and outside of Rita Hall's one solitary effort of 15 feet 9 inches, none of the three did better than 15 feet 3 inches at any other meeting held on the same ground.

The South China AA runners showed the value of their summer training school programme, though it seems that the middle and long distance runners from Caroline Hill have overcome this and could do with a month's rest from serious training.

MOST NOTABLE

Most notable South China success was the victory of Loung Kam-ching over HKAA's Samuel L. Kam-ching, who has been a keen competitor without much success for quite a few seasons now, showed that persistence wins finally as he won in 22.7 seconds from Samuel L. (22.7). Only Capt. R.A.F. Reep (21.5) and Lo Wing-chuen (22.2) have ever gone over the Low Hurdles faster at Boundary Street.

With South China's Ho Pit-po, the Colony Champion and possibly Malcolm Marsh and Tony Colloco of HKAA running in this event at future meetings, prospects of a new Colony record at either the 400 Metres or 440 Yards Hurdles or both are very bright.

Another South China old timer who finally emerged a victor after many seasons of trying was Cheung Chek-yin, who won the 440 Yards in the good time for Boundary Street of 55.2 seconds. He also took third place in the 220 Yards in 24.3 seconds, also a good time for the Boundary Street track.

SPEED GATHERER
An interesting performance yesterday was Frank Walker's 55.8 seconds for fourth place in the 440 Yards. He had entered the event as part of a programme to pick up speed for the Half Mile, drew the outside lane and led the field for nearly three-quarters of the circuit.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

The Programmes and Entry Forms for the 1st Race Meeting 1955/56 to be held on Saturday 5th and Monday 7th November, 1955, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House, the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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Frank has done practically no training this season and should be a threat to the best if he does. Last season, with very little training, he did 2:10.4 for the 1000 Metres.

Conditions yesterday were not ideal for fast times. The track had been re-laid some 10 days earlier and is still loose on top. It was also on the warm side and there was a stiff wind blowing across the track throughout the afternoon.

FIRST DEFEAT

One of the most surprising results yesterday was the defeat of Colony Champion Stephen Xavier in the 100 Yards by Hung Chee-kee and Shum Pit-chung of South China.

Xavier has not been able to put in much training in recent weeks and he was very slow off the marks. Shum Pit-chung had a cello start. Hung Chee-kee was off on the gun and deserves some credit for having won what was only a minute handicap.

Xavier came back later to win the 220 Yards in 23.8 seconds, fast time for an untrained sprinter in the first meeting of the season, and it is most doubtful that either of the two Chinese boys will beat him again even over 100 Yards. It was Xavier's first local defeat since 1950.

N. Randle of the RAF was defeated by Lee Shu-chung, who last season returned 2 minutes 4 seconds for the 800 Metres in taking second place in the Colony Championship, in the 880 Yards.

Both Martin of RAF and Lt. Wade of the Army are undoubtedly strong runners, but Lee Shu-chung has been in serious training now for the best part of two months. His defeat can only be ascribed to slowness from overtraining and bad tactics. Even Bruce Tulloh, in fourth place, challenged Lee Shu-chung in the home straight.

N. Randle of the RAF won the Mile in 4 minutes 42 seconds and the field here again was a strong one. With Lt. Keith Burch, Mike Curzon, A. L. Smith and an improving Tulloh available for this event, some good races should be witnessed in future meetings with Randle, Martin and M. Keough of Army and A. L. Smith of the RAF.

R. H. Pape of the RNAC looked the fastest distance runner ever seen in this Colony as he won the Three Miles in 15 minutes 24.5 seconds. He did not completely outclass that veteran of many local races, Cpl. A. L. Smith, but he lapped all of South China's great trio of Lee Kam-hung, Chan Kim-hung and Chan King-yin. Lt. P. Boorman of Army AA was a good third.

WEST TWICE FASTER

Peter West actually had two fast times in Hong Kong—15:15.2 at Sookunpo on March 3, 1952, and 15:11.6 at Boundary Street on December 21, 1952. Nevertheless, it appears that West's record is very much in danger and may go before the end of the season.

There were some inquiries yesterday as to what was Derek Colburn's best over this distance. His fastest was 10:34.0 at Boundary Street on March 6, 1953. Current Colony Champion Bruce Tulloh's best time over the distance was 16 minutes 40.3 seconds at last year's Land Forces Championships.

The field events on Saturday and Sunday produced nothing very interesting outside of Fung Sik's ground record in the Ladies' Long Jump.

Double victories were scored by C. F. Jackson in the High Jump and Pole Vault, Ng Chuen-jung in the Shot Put and Long Jump and Hop, Step and Jump and B. McGarrity of the RAF in the Shot Put and Discus Throw. Jackson looks like he has a chance of beating Yeo Tih-kwan's ancient Colony record of 13 feet 1 1/2 inches in the Pole Vault and McGarrity may get thirteen Chan Wai-chuen's Colony mark of 123 feet 6 1/2 inches in the Discus Throw.

To bolster up their weakest field events squad in years, South China retrained two novices, Chee Fook-sing, an agile 42-year-old, took second place in the Pole Vault and placed a standard model as well by clearing 10 feet. Chan Lee-fong, once Kwangtung Provincial Champion and now 30 years old,

took second place in the Javelin Throw with 146 feet 10 inches. Looking through the best performance lists, it appears that Ho May-yee's 29.3 seconds for the Ladies' 220 Yards is also a new Boundary Street ground record, the old one having been 29.5 by Lam Kak-lan, also on December 21, 1952.

Fung Sik, for many years an unsuccessful competitor in the short dashes, was a very creditable second in 12.3 seconds in the 100 Yards. Her now-found speed may account for her longer jumping.

Quite a few HKAAA Standard Males were won yesterday and will be presented at the next HKAAA meeting. These were by P. N. Randle in the Mile, R. H. Pape in the Three Miles, Leung Kam-ching in the 440 Yards Hurdles, C. F. Jackson and Chee Fook-sing in the Pole Vault, McGarrity in the Discus Throw and Fung Sik in the Ladies' 100 Yards.

MORE MEETS WANTED

The Army in Hong Kong is recognizing the fact that athletics is becoming one of the major sports in England, with a lot of only football, and quite a lot of work has been put into improving facilities.

The new cinders have yet to settle down and the Boundary Street track should be one of the fastest in Hong Kong. There are many other improvements in evidence and Major A. C. Walker and his S.O.T. staff have already rest proofed the fact that Boundary Street's athletic facilities are second to none in the Colony.

A concrete ring for the Hammer Throw has been installed and plans for the future include a net for the hammer throwers and a cinder run-up for the long jumpers and hop, step and jump.

With the facilities available and many an athlete complaining about lack of meetings to keep interest stimulated, the time has come for all willing helpers in the business of running meetings to come forward and offer their services.

A properly-run athletic meeting requires a host of officials. If these are available and to come from the Army itself, the Army could, perhaps, be persuaded to make Boundary Street available for smaller meetings.

Even were Army athletes not to be directly involved, a full programme of races open to the Services could always be fitted into a civilian-run inter-club programme which would, more often than not, involve one or two Army units.

THE SUMMARIES

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TURPIN GOES UNDER



A dazed Randolph Turpin crumples to the canvas as husky Canadian dock worker Gordon Wallace blunders over his prostrate body during the fight at Harrogate Arena, North London on October 18, a fight which crushed the Briton's hopes for an early tilt at the World Light-Heavyweight title.

After Turpin had twice taken counts, one of seven and the other of eight, Wallace knocked him out in the fourth round.—Reuterphoto.

Eastern Collect Two
More Points With Easy
5-1 Win Over Saints

By "TOUCHWOOD"

Unbeaten Eastern collected two more points in the Senior Division League with a easy 5-1 win over St Joseph's at the Caroline Hill stadium yesterday.

Yesterday saw Eastern's eight successive win. Although they took things rather easily and won with plenty in hand, it was the Saints who provided a 34th minute shock when they netted a surprise goal through left-winger, M. Alberto who had Yong Poy-dor beaten for the only occasion in the match.

Eastern were visibly rattled by this early debacle. They made mistakes. Had it not been for some stout-hearted defending by Yong Poy-dor, the Saints might have easily added another goal. Teixeira, in particular, played a useful part in keeping Eastern's forwards at bay for a spell.

But Eastern dispelled all doubts as to the possibility of an upset and they went on calmly and unburiedly to build up a big 4-1 lead by the 77th minute which St Joseph's could not close on.

When Eastern opened up in force after the 10th minute, the Saints, like a sinking ship in a fierce storm, hung on desperately before the storm blew over and when it did blow over they were on top from the 28th to the 38th minute and it was during this period that they were able to net their solitary goal.

PROMINENT
Saints concentrated their onslaughts on their left flank. Alberto, Rocha and Ward were prominent. Their full-backs, Bux and Hahn, were, however, not fast enough to cope with the lively Eastern forwards, who, given time and open shots, took their chances without much ado.

Saints kicked off but they were soon beaten back to their half when Chu Wing-keung led the attack on the St Joseph's goal, but, better clearance by Bux and Cunha kept the foraging Eastern forwards at arm's length. St Joseph's were working so smoothly, perhaps too smoothly, for suddenly, against the run of play, the Eastern side opened the score in the 19th minute.

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getting his hands to the ball before it could travel further. Yong Poy-dor was again tested by St Joseph's left-winger Alberto in the 30th minute, and this time it really took the best out of keeper Yong for he had to jump high to effect a very good save that would have been a goal.

THE OTHER END
Over at the other end Teixeira in goal stopped two almost certain goals off the boots of Eastern's Lau Che-lam and Hau Cheng-to. Teixeira on both occasions had to dive full length to stop the ball which threatened to roll into the net.

St Joseph's right-winger G. Teixeira and later Alberto had a crack at goal but both took such a long time to get into scoring position that they lost the ball to Eastern's full-back Tan Kar-sai.

It took Saints a full five minute back-breaking effort before they finally had Yong Poy-dor beaten in the 34th minute when left-winger M. Alberto crashed a long range drive—the ball sailed so swiftly that Eastern's defenders and goalkeeper were completely caught off their guard.

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Results At A Glance

FIRST DIVISION		
Eastern	5	St Joseph's 1
Sing Tao	2	CAA 3
RAF	2	Army 3

SECOND DIVISION		
Eastern	2	St Joseph's 1
Sing Tao	4	CAA 1
RAF	2	Army 3

THIRD DIVISION		
Talkoo	0	KMB 4
OMB	4	Dockyard 3

FOURTH DIVISION		
B & S	3	Caroline Hill 1
University	6	Dodwell 0
Road Works	1	HK Aircraft 1
Watsons	3	Kim Godown 1

Without let-up, Eastern continued with their all-out ride and by the 17th minute what looked like a certain goal saw the Saints' custodian diving practically at the feet of Chu Wing-keung to grab the ball.

By the 20th minute, Eastern found their third goal through Chu Wing-keung whose angular drive gave Teixeira no chance at all to save.

Total rout followed after this goal. The Saints evidently were tired for they made only half-hearted attempts to stop Eastern's forward line. Eight minutes to the final whistle, Eastern's Chu Wing-keung scored a goal which sealed a 5-1 win that left Eastern still riding at the top of the League table with 16 points with South China in second berth with 15 points in nine outings.

HOW THEY STAND
Team standings up to and including October 23:

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Eastern	9	7	1	1	15
South China	9	6	1	2	13
Sing Tao	9	5	2	2	11
Kitchener	9	4	2	3	10
CAA	9	3	2	4	8
Army	9	3	1	5	7
KMB	9	2	2	5	6
St Joseph's	9	2	1	6	5
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RAF	9	1	0	8	2
Club	9	0	0	9	0

OTHER MATCHES
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LEAGUE CRICKET

CRAIGENGOWER WERE
UNLUCKY NOT TO
WIN AGAINST IRC

Craigengower were unlucky not to take all four points from the Indian Recreation Club in the First Division Cricket League match played at Happy Valley on Saturday.

The home side, playing against an IRC attack led by Tony Myatt, taken ill with flu, demoralised the Indian bowling with their three left-handers—George Hong Choy, Buji Dhabar and K. Y. Tam.

These three scored only 80 runs of Craigengower's total of 202 for eight wickets declared, but they were out the IRC attack.

Craigengower scored at two runs a minute for the first 50 minutes. George Souza contributed a workmanlike 39 before he fell to a fast ball with a sharp offbreak from S. H. Khan that would have beaten any batsman.

Khan normally bowls a medium to fast straight ball, but varies these with an occasional offbreak. He took four wickets for 45 runs in eight overs. It was George Hong Choy's day as a batsman and he hit four boundaries in his 52 before falling to George Ebert at second slip off a leg break from A. R. Abbas.

Hong Choy and Souza put on 60 runs for the third wicket and Hong Choy and Tam 33 for the fifth.

Given 2 hours 10 minutes to make 203, IRC's skipper Arthur Rumjahn decided to give him more reliable batsmen a rest from long fielding in the sun and opened with S. H. Khan and Mohinder Singh.

Mohinder scored 13 of the 14 runs put on by the opening partnership and S. H. Khan carried on confidently after that to score 36. His was a solid innings. He gave two difficult lives in the slips after he had scored 30. He fell finally to Dhabar.

IRC's batsmen did not respond to treatment. Ebert went for two and A. H. Madar for nothing. Lalchandani was in for an hour for 13 runs and Carl Myatt was out for 14.

A. R. Abbas alone put in a useful contribution, batting confidently for 25 before being bowled by Ward.

The IRC collapse was largely psychological. The target of 203 looked too large for them. Their first 80, largely helped by Mohinder Singh, S. H. Khan and Carl Myatt, was scored with the clock but after the rest had set in their runs came in a trickle.

There were still three overs to go when "Fatty" Minus joined Ali Khan in the last wicket stand. The field crowded in. All looked confident enough in the situation but Minus was having a rough time.

His statement afterwards that "Never was I so nervous in all my cricket days" did not tally with another post-match remark from a teammate that "Fatty" had looked as big as a tray.

The wicket, which had been watered on the late side, did not suit Buji Dhabar's bowling. He took 3 for 45, most successful Craigengower bowler was K. M. Watkins, right arm medium to slow and able to turn the ball both ways, who took four for 23. Watkins, it is understood, will not be available for long as he is leaving for Saigon.

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British punters mailed 104 million bets to football pools firms in the last financial year, the Post Office reported.

Most contained money orders.—China Mail Special.

63 Countries
Accept Invitation
For 1956 Games

London, Oct. 23.
Sixty-three of the 83 countries invited to compete in the 1956 Olympic Games at Melbourne have so far accepted, said Mr. Lewis Lusk, Australian Deputy Chairman of the Olympic Organising Committee, who arrived here today from New York.

Only three countries have so far decided not to compete. "In Helsinki in 1952, 67 or 68 countries took part. We hope to have at least 70," Mr. Lusk said.

SATURDAY'S RUGGER

The One Surprise Was The Defeat Of Club "A" By 48 Brigade

By "PAK LO"

First and foremost, in complete contrast with my contemporaries in the Sunday press, let me state that the games played on Saturday were played under the Laws of the Rugby Football Union, and NOT the Rugby League.

And now the games themselves. The one surprise was the defeat of the Club "A" XV by 48 Brigade, for on paper the Club team were the stronger of the two.

Otherwise the games went according to expectations. The Gunners proved themselves too good for the Navy and torpedoed the Navy's hopes by 18 points to 3 points. RAF Mainland narrowly escaped off defeat by the Police, and RAF Island could consider themselves lucky to win by a margin of two points. Club "B" went one better than last week and lost by 20 points, as against 28 points the previous week, to nil.

THE BEST GAME
Without doubt the best game of the afternoon was the Navy versus Gunners clash. The Gunners played a superior brand of rugby in every department particularly in the first half, but in the second half they let themselves be lulled into security by their 18-point lead and very nearly paid the penalty for it. In the second half the Navy were on top and had the Navy only been able to finish off their moves the score would have been vastly different.

The Navy never let up, even when faced by the first half's defeat, and deserve full credit for making this a sparkling game.

The Gunners forwards took the scrum in the ratio of 2-1 and the line-outs in the ratio of 3-2, and Glen getting plenty of the ball was able to stand his fast three away to score late and again.

Gerrard played a very fine game in the centre, and was well backed up by the other three, and Maundrell, playing on the wing in place of Anderson, proved himself a very able substitute and his place kicking was excellent. Wyss, the other centre, showed a very deceptive weave, and plenty of speed, while Harrison also deserves praise.

The Navy three were also good, but lacking a plentiful supply of the ball could not get going, and at times their handling in contrast to that of the Gunners was sloppy. Sherwood gave a good service from the scrum, but was occasionally harassed by the Gunners' wing forwards.

The Gunners opened with a very determined attack, and within a few minutes Buckley got the ball and crossed the line, then added the two extra points for the conversion. 5-0.

The Gunners maintained the pressure, and sure enough after a few more minutes Glen added another three points when he whipped through to score well out. The conversion was missed, 8-0.

Then at last the Navy got going with a grand rush by the forwards, but they were well upended and the Gunners returned to the attack. On the Navy 25 there was a scrum and the ball came loose and was snapped up by Wyss, and he sent Gerrard over about five yards in from touch. Maundrell converted the difficult kick, 13-0.

Still the relentless pressure was kept up and in the dying minutes of the first half the Navy took the ball at their feet to half-way but instead of keeping on tried to pick the ball up and were knocked on.

The ball came to the Navy to Wyss who waved his way through the opposition for a good 20 yards before passing on to Harrison, who sprinted the rest of the way to score well out. Maundrell added the two points with a nice conversion.

In the second half the Gunners attacked in the opening minutes, but the Navy at last found their shore legs, and soon had the Gunners penned in their own half. Then they really put the pressure on and after a few minutes their attempts were awarded.

A nice three move was stopped with five yards to go and in the resultant scrum the Navy forwards heeled and took the ball over the line for their opening score, 18-3. The conversion was missed.

Despite heroic endeavours by the Navy for the rest of the second half they never again managed to cross the Gunners' line.

RAF Mainland v. Police

The RAF were a disappointment in this game. None of the three seemed to be able to combine successfully, and the scoring by the RAF came in patches. In the second half for a few minutes the RAF looked quite impressive as they scored their two goals, but then they faded completely from the scene.

Logan of the RAF had a very good game, and mainly thanks to his efforts the Police never crossed the Almen's line, but it was Johnstone of the Police who was the man of the match. He came in at the last moment, and Lelliott moved into the pack in place of Greene. And what a difference he made!

H.K. and K. Garrison v. Club "B"

The other game was a farce. The Garrison did as they liked, and the Club pack must take the blame for this. They did not get down properly in the scrums, seldom heeled, seldom left their feet in the lineouts and let the Garrison forwards break through at will.

However the Club forwards had some complaints against the Garrison's play. The Garrison was non-existent, and passing was in any direction, as long as the threatened player was holding the ball.

The Garrison, consisting mainly as it does of Gunners, Wood, and Phipps were outstanding. The only man who had little work

to do was the Garrison's full back, and he often came up to make an extra man. Not that that was needed.

The Garrison attacked, and almost immediately opened the scoring with a nice three move which ended in Williamson crossing the line, 3-0.

Next was a terrific 70-yard run by Ian White, who converted, 6-0. For a change Carter, the Garrison left wing three, scored the next one from a scrum and ran through under the posts. Phipps converted, 13-0.

The first score in the second half was a Garrison three, but he had touched down on the 23, thinking he had crossed the line. There was a scrum and the ball ran through through the non-existent Club defence to score. The conversion was missed.

Quite some time passed before the Garrison scored again. This time it was Johnston who scored and Owen-Smith converted, 21-0. Immediately from the kick-off Phipps crossed a punt and his car kept to score. Phipps converted, 28-0.

Finally Jones scored, and Phipps converted, 35-0. After the game it was discovered that someone had stolen a basket belonging to one of the Club players containing a nut and his car keys. I mention this because it is quite common on many grounds that articles are stolen.

The Club have a system whereby articles of value are deposited with the referee and he is responsible for those and he also keeps an eye on the players generally. I can see no reason why other teams, whose grounds are being played upon, should supply the same services. Will those responsible please look into the matter and do something about it.

Club "A" v. 48 Brigade

And last but by no means least we come to the Club "A" versus 48 Brigade.

The Club forwards definitely lacked fire in everything they did, and were slow off the mark in the loose. The backs still retained their fault of kicking too much. This is all very well when the forwards are backing up but since they were not it was virtual suicide.

The 48 Brigade, on the other hand, settled down well, and Keir sent out some nice crisp passes to his waiting three.

Blincoe on the wing was the best of the three, and he and Moore made a good combination. Keir's kicking was very good, while the Club had no one approaching his stature.

For all this the 48 Brigade at times made a mess of things, and while they are an improved team over last week, are by no means up to the Gunners' standard.

The first score was by Blincoe from a nice three move, while Keir converted 5-0.

Then the 48 Brigade on the attack took the ball and converted to make it 8-0.

The Club attacked in their turn and scored a try, but Keir converted a penalty, 8-3.

Blincoe added another penalty kick and the 48 Brigade ran off the field the deservingly winners by 11-3.

GOALS
Gunners: Rowe, Maundrell, Gerrard, Wyss, Harrison, Jackson, Glen, Collett, Barker, Chandler, Robinson, Kelly, Buckley, Gatehouse, Cunningham.

Navy: Jenkins, Postin, Lloyd, Hewitt, Holt, Davies, Sherwood, Mitchell, Davis, Gale, Patterson, Day, Turner, Voyce, Pogson.

Police: O'Leary, Brown, Marsh, Nash, Walker, Lloyd, Brown, Cunningham, Purves, Lelliott, Dawson, Shiller, Rowe, Bryan, R. Mainland, Logan, Hobson, Weekes, Fraser, Lewis, Cornah, Lucca, McDermott, Walker, Davies, Jones, Panther, Page, Martin, Phipps, B. Mainland, Cornish, Hodgson, Lewis, Cody, Fleming, McGarrity, Zalkow, Wood, Edwards, Gale, Marm, Anderson, Southwick, Phillips, Woolf.

48 Brigade: Bishop, Ingle, Moore, Blincoe, Cain, Keir, Allan, Davies, Fife, Foxall, de Cordova, Edmonds, McCann, Nelson.

Club "A": Roberts, Stone, Penman, McWilliam, Collins, O'Kelly, Cole, Black, Russell, Williams, Carpenter, Talamo, Elliott, Kerr, Barker.

Club "B": Martin, Purves, Spencer, Ingle, Wilson, Clark, Dyer, Flaxman, Knight, Rankin, Thompson, Hargrove, Park, A. O'Brien.

Club "A" night. The Club will be playing the Pukaki on the Club ground at 6 p.m.

Jesse Owens Impressed By S'pore Athletes
Singapore, Oct. 23.
American sprinter Jesse Owens left today for Batu Pahat in South Malaysia after coaching Singapore athletes in the final of the 100 yards.

Owens had planned to run a 50-metre dash with Singapore's top sprinters on Saturday but a pouring rain blocked his plans. He told newsmen before his departure this morning he was impressed by the "courteous and interesting set of athletes" in Singapore.

He told Singapore sports officials that they should send a team to the Melbourne Olympics.

Frank Sedgman May Form His Own Professional Group

Melbourne, Oct. 23.

The Australian tennis star, Frank Sedgman, indicated today that he was not interested in an invitation by the American promoter, Jack Kramer, to rejoin Kramer's touring professional troupe this year.

At the same time, the former Davis Cup player said he may form his own professional squad within two years, but admitted that amateurs Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall, who recently turned down a Kramer offer to turn pro, would be needed to make his tour worthwhile.

"When Hoad and Rosewall are ready to turn pro," said Sedgman, "I'm sure they will consider an offer from me." Sedgman added that Ken McGregor, another prominent Australian professional, would be interested in joining his squad.

"We four would rival anything Kramer could put up," said Sedgman, "but any tour by us would have to be limited to Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, South America and Europe."

When Kramer failed to line up Hoad and Rosewall for this year's tour, the American said he probably would count on Sedgman and Pancho Segura for another worldwide trip.

Los Angeles, Oct. 23.
Tennis promoter Jack Kramer said today he was "sorry" that the Australian tennis star, Frank Sedgman, turned down an offer to rejoin Kramer's professional troupe this year.

"I didn't offer Sedgman anything definite," said Kramer. "I sent him a cable asking if he was interested. Later we discussed the matter over the telephone."

"Sedgman's proposal is very, very interesting," Kramer said.

"I feel that he will be most welcome to organize a touring squad."

Kramer said he believed Hoad and Rosewall would give him first consideration if either decided to turn pro. The promoter added: "That might come sooner than anybody expects."

REJECTED OFFER
Meanwhile, Pancho Segura, highly-ranked professional tennis player, said Rosewall and Hoad signed an agreement with Kramer before they rejected his offer.

Segura said, however, that he believed the Rosewall agreement "would have been conditional wherein no final announcement would be made until I think about it."

Kramer would neither confirm nor deny Segura's statements. He said he had offered the 20-year-old stars US\$45,000 each "against various percentages of gate receipts" if they would turn pro.

"I can't make any statements," said Kramer. "I'm sidestepping the whole thing. I don't want to cause any further trouble."—United Press.

ROYAL AIR FORCE 2, ARMY 3

An Airborne Freak Goal By McInnes Stunned These Unlucky Airmen

By I. M. MacTAVISH

If this game, which was played at Causeway Bay yesterday, had finished at half-time there would be many pleasant memories of some grand soccer. Unfortunately the laws require two sessions to be played in every game and the general deterioration that set into the second stanza of this one takes much of the gilt off the picture.

The two teams were well matched and the soldiers were just a shade fortunate to collect both points although in the closing stages they came near to increasing their lead.

The opening whistle set the players into top gear right away and some good on-the-carpet football was seen. With only three minutes on the clock the Army took the lead with a goal that started away on the right wing. Morris eventually turned it into the middle and White was there to slip it under Price's body and into the net.

This stung the airmen into quick retaliation and in the 9th minute Stewart made the most of some confusion in the Army goal area to put the teams on level terms.

RESOLUTE DEFENCE
The soldiers took charge for a time after this and applied a lot of pressure on the RAF goal without being able to piece a hardworking and resolute defence.

In the 22nd minute Stewart, unmarked in the penalty area, tripped the ball away to his right, pivoted, and drove a fine shot wide of Charlesworth's right hand and high into the net.

The fat was really in the fire now. The RAF swept back into the attack and, with Blagburn showing Hagan a clean pair of heels on several occasions, they were unlucky not to go further ahead.

Then came tragedy for the boys in light blue. McInnes, the Army right-half, carried the ball upfield and from just inside the RAF half of the pitch tripped a high lob into the goalmouth. It was an awkward ball. Price misjudged it completely and the scores were level.

The Army held the balance of play after this and Chesterman on the right wing was soon worrying the RAF defence with his tricky runs and accurate centres. Just before 45 minutes his good play paid off. Beating his man close to the touch line he swung a high cross to the far post and Morris rose above everyone to nod home a typical goal.

As the players trooped in at the interval there was a general feeling of satisfaction and expectation in the air. The football had been hard and fast with no quarter given or asked and there had been a generous ration of clever play. There was too promise of more as 45 minutes of good soccer entertainment to come.

How the spectators were disappointed. Neither side reproduced their earlier brand of football. Both teams seemed reluctant to take the initiative to go into attack in case a goal should be lost. Instead of scored, and a very negative attitude came over the whole proceedings.

Britisher Wins Fifth Syracuse Grand Prix
Syracuse, Sicily, Oct. 23.
C. S. Brooks (Britain), driving a works Connaught, beat an officially entered Maserati team here today to win the Fifth Syracuse Motor-Racing Grand Prix.

He covered the 440-kilometre (270-mile) course in two hours 26 minutes 55 seconds. Rafter.

BRAVES PROVED THEIR SUPREMACY OVER WARRIORS WITH CONVINCING 13-2 WIN

By "TIME OUT"

Ed Carvalho's all-powerful Braves proved their supremacy on the softball diamond at King's Park with a convincing 13-2 triumph over the Warriors.

Before a near-capacity crowd, Braves' hurler Vic Pedruco carried his team through to their second triumph as he turned in another class performance, scattering three scratch singles, to stop the Warriors dead in their tracks in their climb up the Pennant ladder.

Of the other two Senior "A" teams played off yesterday, Jinda Hsueh's St. Joseph's had an easy time in disposing of the rookie Panda outfit as the Braves took them to town with a lopsided 14-4 score. In the early afternoon frames, South China Navy nine, with a 1-7 score going into the bottom of the seventh, the game got to life after two outs, bursting through with four runs on three bunched-up hits to lose 5-7.

The minor loop produced some basketball scores as the Eagles beat Tai Tung 24-12 while the Chinese Athletic Squad beat the Lion Cubs 20-6. The Wah Ying—Overseas encounter resulted in the former emerging on top of a 16-14 score.

In their clash with the Warriors yesterday, Ed Carvalho's Braves gave no quarters and asked for none as they shot ahead right from the start to pound out a convincing 13-2 victory. The big guns in the Braves' line-up had a busy time at the plate they socked losing pitcher Googie Marques for a total of eleven telling blows including a homer and four doubles.

INITIAL CANTO
Taking the offensive in the initial canto on the inaccuracy of losing hurler Marques, the Braves quickly had two men on bases on three passes. Bailiaw Junior Remedios then broke up the game with a solid liner over short to send two runs cavorting over the pan.

When clean-up batter Tony "Sluggo" Gutierrez stepped into the box, the Braves scored, pleading for a homer and Gutierrez kindly obliged as he latched on to one of Marques' favourite flings, sending it in a line into deep left field for a two-run homer. After one out, south-paw Frank Loureiro smacked one through the box for a single but two rapid pop-ups left him stranded.

With the Warriors going scoreless in their half, Vic Pedruco opened the second frame with a double into left field gardens, settling at third on a sacrifice. Once again, Junior Remedios came through with a liner to left to chase Pedruco across. Tony Gutierrez then obtained a life on an infield error and Budji Dhabar sent them home with a smashing liner over third base that was good for a double.

Adding insult to injury, young Frank Loureiro lofted a Texas-Leaguer into centrefield and Dhabar scored. When the dust had settled after the final out, another four markers went towards the Braves side to read 6-0.

Trying desperately to save their side from a shut-out, "lanky" Joe Reis singled and later scored on an infield out.

With the Warrior morale sinking fast, the Braves added two more tallies to their score on two doubles off the hickories of Junior Remedios and Budji Dhabar.

Warriors' star Stephen Xavier stepped up another run for his side in the third with a long towering fly into deep centre-field that went for four bases.

Entering the top half of the sixth, the Tribe forged further forward when, after F. Loureiro bounced a liner off Marques' shin and Chaves drew a walk, Pedruco and "Kid" Loureiro singled in rapid succession for three runs.

MEER DREAMS
With their hopes shattered and their past victories mere dreams, the "dead" Warrior contingent humbly went out in one-two-three fashion in their last two attempts at the plate to let the final count read 13-2.

LADIES' DIVISION
The Ladies' Division once again provided more disgust than interest as the two winning teams walked off the field with double figure scores. South China trouncing the Overseas 37-5 while the Espanda girls walloped the "newly-formed" Tai Tung ladies 69-7.

Congratulations are definitely in store for the "game" Tai Tung girls for their fine spirit of sportsmanship as they always turn out in full force although their opponents keep throwing lopsided scores their way and not giving them a chance to fight back.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the key battle of the Junior division between the P.I. Dodgers and the Seminoles had to be postponed and will be played off at a later date.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Soccer
Far East RAF v South China (CHI), 4 p.m.

Meeting
Management Committee of HKFA, 6.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Soccer
1st Division: Kitchener v Navy (CHI), 4 p.m.

2nd Division: Police v Sing Tao (HS), Tung Wah v RAF (HV), 6.30 p.m.

Meeting
HKFA Inter-Port Sub-Committee, Sports Road, 6.45 p.m.

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Hong Kong, 21st September, 1955.

Hong Kong Birds

Herklots, G. A. C. 1953.
Hong Kong Birds. Pp. vii+233, 12 pls., 8 in. colour, numerous black-and-white drawings in text. Hong Kong: South China Morning Post, Ltd., HK\$35.00.

"...a most welcome handbook for ornithologists resident or stationed in Hong Kong. All the hitherto recorded species are included; plumages are clearly and concisely described, and a short account is given of field characters, voice, habits, status, etc." The illustrations, except for three plates of photographs, are all by G. A. C. Hughes, and include four attractive plates of the heads of 42 species and many useful drawings in the text. The writer of this review would have benefited greatly from this book when stationed in Hong Kong some years ago. Even now, on referring to it, some 40 unfamiliar species on which notes were made at the time have almost all proved easily identifiable. — D. W. S.

(Extract from "The Bird" official organ of the British Ornithologists' Union, British Museum).

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Trinidad's White Elephant 'GET RID OF DAT RAILWAY'

Port of Spain, Oct. 23.
A Government-run railway, about 100 miles long, is Trinidad's biggest "white elephant". The main line, about 60 miles long, runs from here through San Fernando, the southern capital, to Siparia, near the south coast. There are two small branch lines.

The annual loss on the railway is running at the rate of about 2,000,000 British West Indian dollars (about £400,000), a serious deficit for such a small island. It means in effect that to keep what is generally admitted to be a dead-end transport system in operation each man, woman and child in Trinidad, with a population of about 700,000, is debilitated with three dollars a year.

Two Million!

Taxpayers who have to find this sum expressed their views recently in a letter to the Trinidad Guardian, written and published in the everyday language used by Creoles.

"You mean to tell me, sah," the writer, Louis Carballo, said, "that we de poh taxpayers in dis country will have to pay two million dollars again just for de fun of watching the train run."

"Last year Ah tink we lost tree million dollars; dat is just de amount it take to run de whole Grenada Government (Grenada is a nearby British West Indian island). Well, an nevah see noah."

The trains on the railway are often late and even the annual report is always issued behind schedule. The last available report is for 1952 and recorded a loss over the year's working of about 3,000,000 British West Indian dollars (£600,000).

It stated that just short of 1,000,000 passengers were carried and that there was a decline in the amount of freight handled. The reduced traffic was said to be due to the "intensive competition from road traffic (particularly taxis which swarm over the island) and in some measure to the very poor standard of equipment."

Laughing Stock

It is not only the rolling stock, however, but the whole administration of the railway that is the laughing stock of the island. Newspapers have reported from time to time the purchase of railway spare parts valued at £20,000 for which there was no use, frequent thefts, and detectives making efforts to trace pages missing from ledgers and a shortage in funds.

Almost all the passenger rolling stock is over-age. The coaches are made of wood and none is equipped with brakes. But the fares are probably lower than on any other railway in the world.

For the transport of freight, more and more traders are abandoning the railway in favour of the door-to-door service provided by road transport.

Many people on the island think that the railway should be scrapped and one suggestion is that the idle tracks could then

Protestants Anniversary In Paris

Paris, Oct. 23.
Paris Protestants today celebrated the 400th anniversary of the founding of the first "Reformed" Church in the French capital.

The occasion was marked by special services in two Protestant churches in Paris this morning and this evening, organised by the Consistory of Paris Reformed Churches and the Consistory of Evangelical Lutheran Churches.

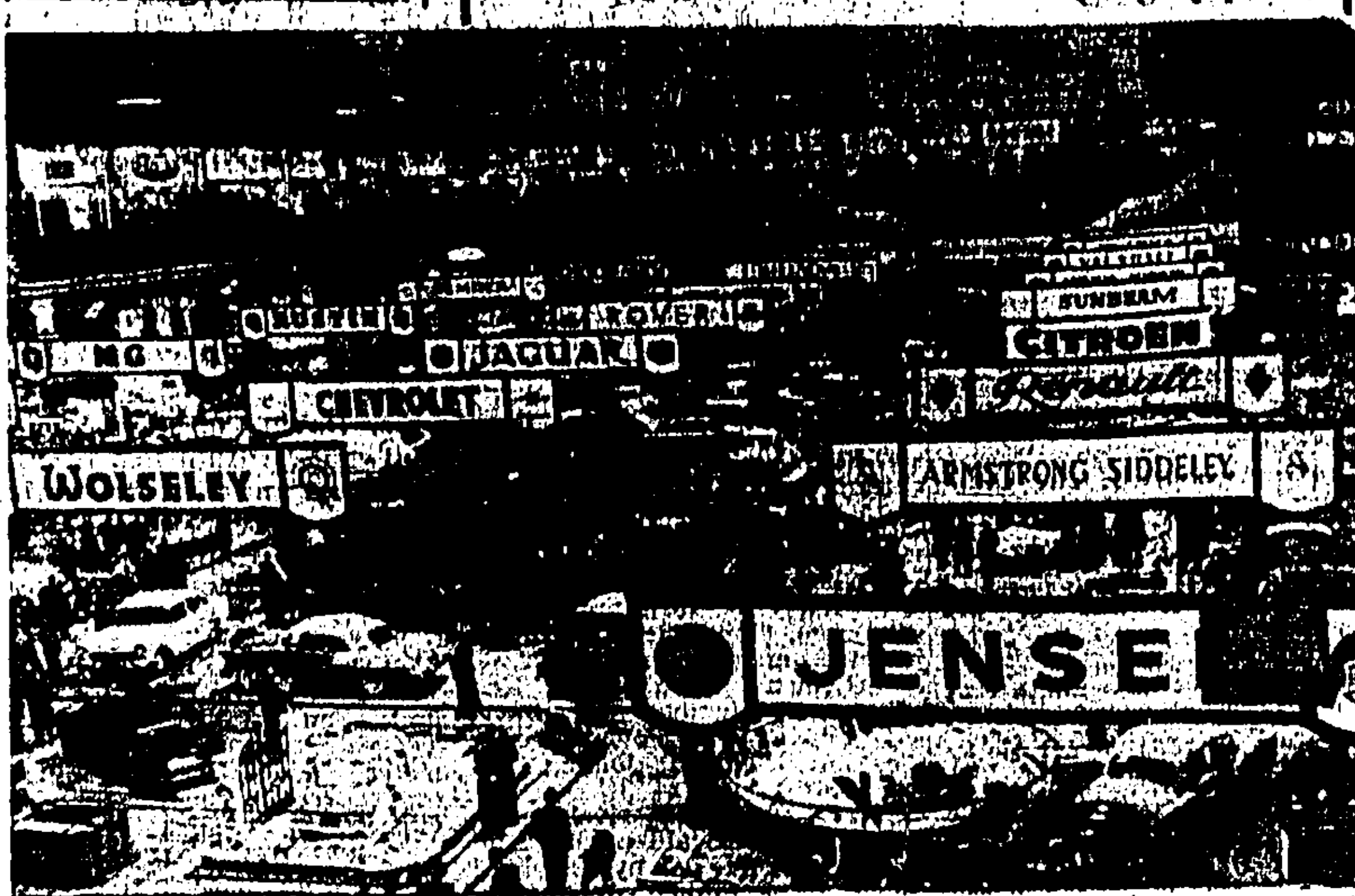
The first Protestant church was founded in Paris in 1555 on the initiative of a visiting Protestant whose wife was expecting a baby, which the couple did not wish to have baptised as a Catholic. — France-Press.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 24
By Air:
Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 9 p.m.
By Surface:
Macao, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25
By Air:
Thailand, 10 a.m.
N. Korea, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.

By Surface:
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 2 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, 8 p.m.
Thailand, India, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 6 p.m.
Korea, 6 p.m.
Japan, 9 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
Philippines, 6 p.m.

By Surface:
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26
By Surface:
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Malaya, Burma, India, 1 p.m.
Thailand, 1 p.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

Trafalgar Square

Demonstration

UN FLAG TRAMPLED IN MUD

London, Oct. 23.
Extreme nationalists caused a minor disturbance during a United Nations Day ceremony in central Trafalgar Square here today.

Demonstrating in front of youth groups forming up for a procession, two young Nationalists took down a blue and white United Nations flag which had just been hoisted by Defence Minister Selwyn Lloyd. They trampled the flag in mud, but were prevented from making off with it.

A tiny group of extremists spent half an hour singing Nationalist songs and chanting Empire slogans before quietly dispersing. — France-Press.

Diplomat Arrives

Disembarking here this morning from the French liner Cambodge was Mr. Alfred Fougner, newly appointed First Secretary of the Norwegian Embassy in Tokyo, who will fly to his post with his wife and three children shortly.

Mr. Fougner was a Vice-Consul of the Norwegian Consulate in Shanghai from 1947 to 1949. His last post before his present appointment was that of First Secretary of the Norwegian Embassy in Paris.

GREAT FUTURE IN LETTER-WRITING Parisienne Is Last Of Old Guild

Paris, Oct. 23.
There is a great future for youth in the ancient profession of public letter-writing, according to Paris' only surviving representative of the once flourishing Guild of letter-writers, Madame Georgette Faes.

Madame Faes, a young-looking, active great-grandmother who has been a public letter-writer for 37 years, practises her profession in a low-ceilinged two-room flat above a bar near the Gare de L'Est.

Outside, a board proclaims in Gothic print: "Public Letter-Writer," and a poster shows a woman in a mediæval dress dictating to a scribe in a street. Another poster says: "If you are in difficulties with any kind of letter... come and see the public letter-writer."

ANY TYPE

Madame Faes does a flourishing business in her comfortable office-home. She has replaced the old implements of her trade, goose-quills and sealing wax, by fountain-pen and typewriter, and she makes her appointments by telephone. But she can still turn out an ornately written parchment document for professional letter-writers, company directors and other such formal occasions.

All personal letters are handwritten. Madame Faes can produce letters in the firm handwriting of a young man or the feeble scrawl of an old man, as circumstances require.

She says that the traditional public letter-writer's task of writing love letters has fallen off and changed with the times. "Most people can write now, and young people are too shy to have their feelings expressed for them. But I write many letters for married men who do not want their handwriting to be recognised. I also compose flowery courtship letters for mature clients," she said.

Clients also sometimes ask her to compose matrimonial advertisements, or to answer them. One of her matrimonial advertisements inserted in a newspaper brought 62 replies to her client, a man, who is now happily married.

LEGAL ADVISER

Madame Faes has a mountain of reference books to help her with this kind of correspondence. She also refers to a legal adviser.

Other tasks include writing speeches for weddings and school speeches, copying students' theses and drawing up appeals to the President of the Republic for amnesties for people in prison.

The most pathetic of Madame Faes' visitors are cranks. "Hardly a week passes without someone with a persecution complex asking me to write a letter to the President or the Pope," she says. "There are as many men as women. Most of them think they are being followed by would-be murderers."

NO FIXED FEES

Madame Faes has no fixed fees for the letters she writes. An ordinary short letter costs about 180 francs (about 3s). Letters which involve research and legal inquiry cost more, depending on the amount of work involved.

The Faes letter-writing house was founded by Marius Faes in 1827, in a little booth against the walls of St. Lazare prison.

Madame Faes went into the business in 1918. She moved to her present quarters in 1938, when the prison was demolished.

The first public letter-writers were monks, often the only literate members of a mediæval community. As education became more widespread the task was taken over by laymen who formed the Guild in 1870. By 1970, the profession was overcrowded. Almost every street in Paris had letter-writer stalls. But the introduction of universal education ruined them.

NOW ALONE

Now, Madame Faes is alone. But, she maintains that there is a great future in the profession.

"A young man who really gets to work and studies all the legal angles and details of official requirements in taxation, divorce and so on could build up a very profitable business," she declares, and adds: "I do not think my four-year-old great-grandson will follow in my footsteps. My children did not. But there is a great future in it." — China Mail Special.

ON VACATION

Mr. Allard, Mercens, the Netherlands Minister to the Philippines, and Mrs. Mercens arrived here in the French liner Cambodge from Manila to spend a vacation here.

WOMAN ROBBED

Two men approached a Chinese woman and robbed her of a wrist watch at the junction of Tai Nan Street and Yen Chau Street shortly before 11 a.m. today. The robbers escaped.

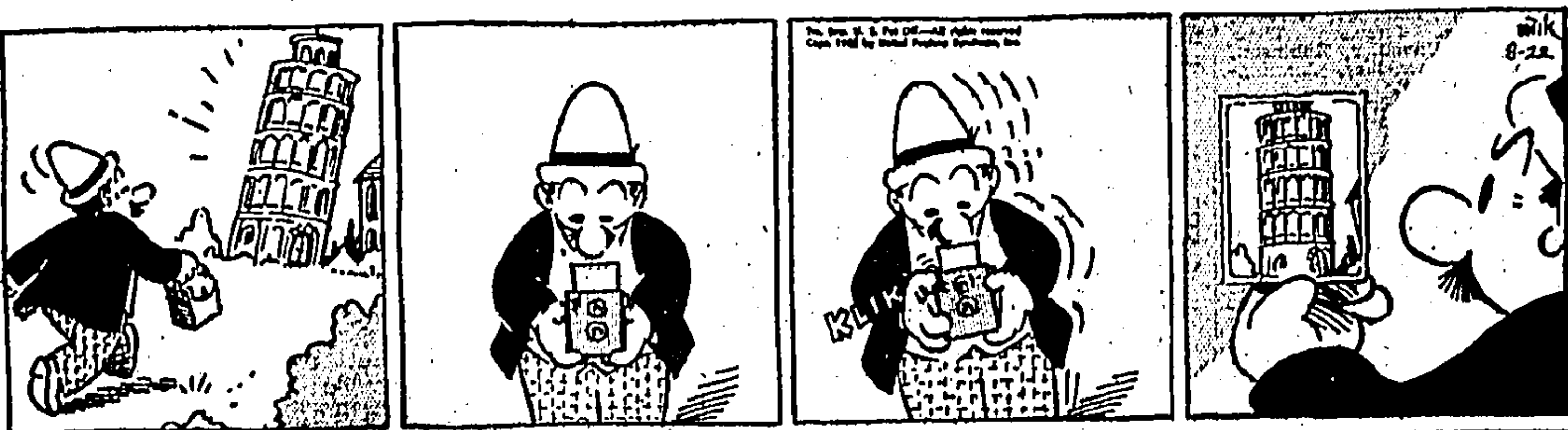
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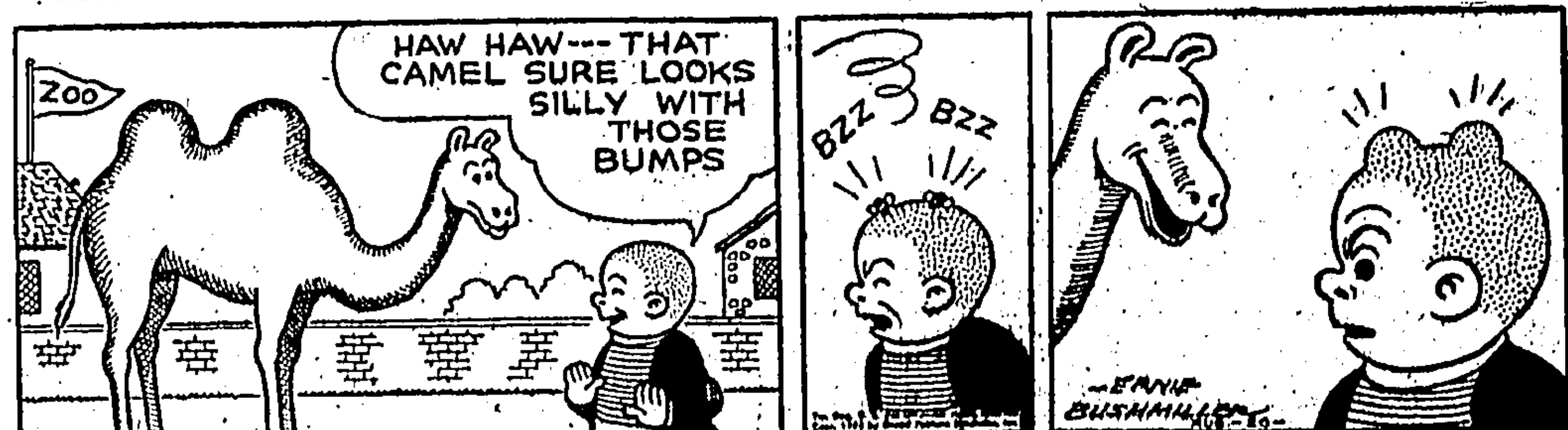
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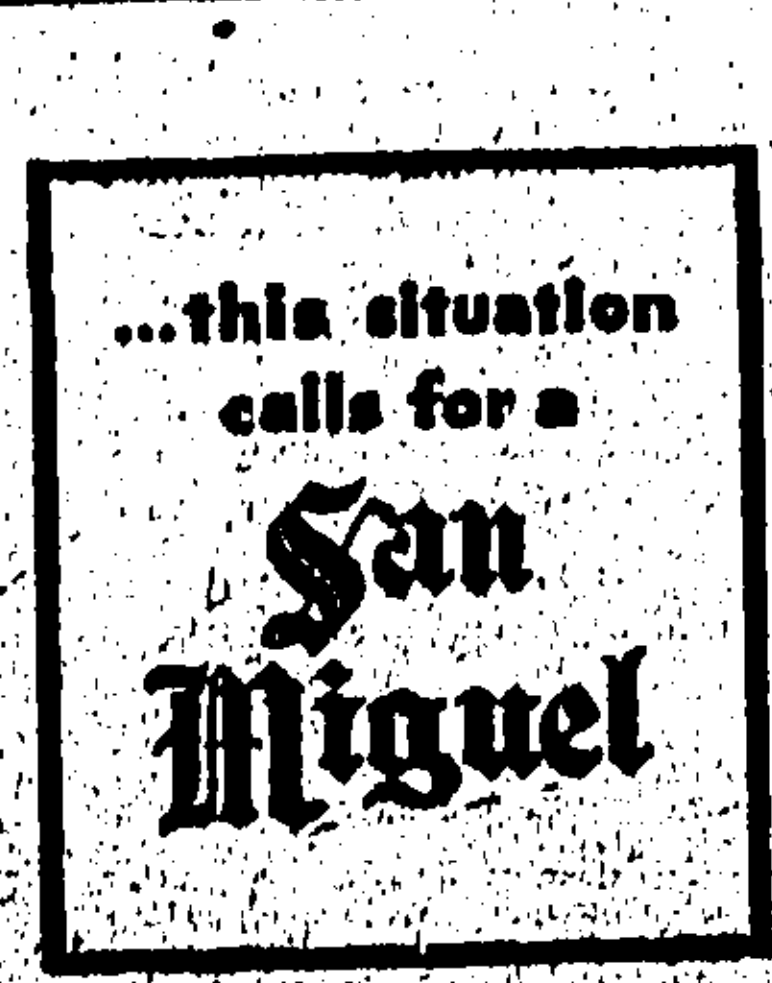
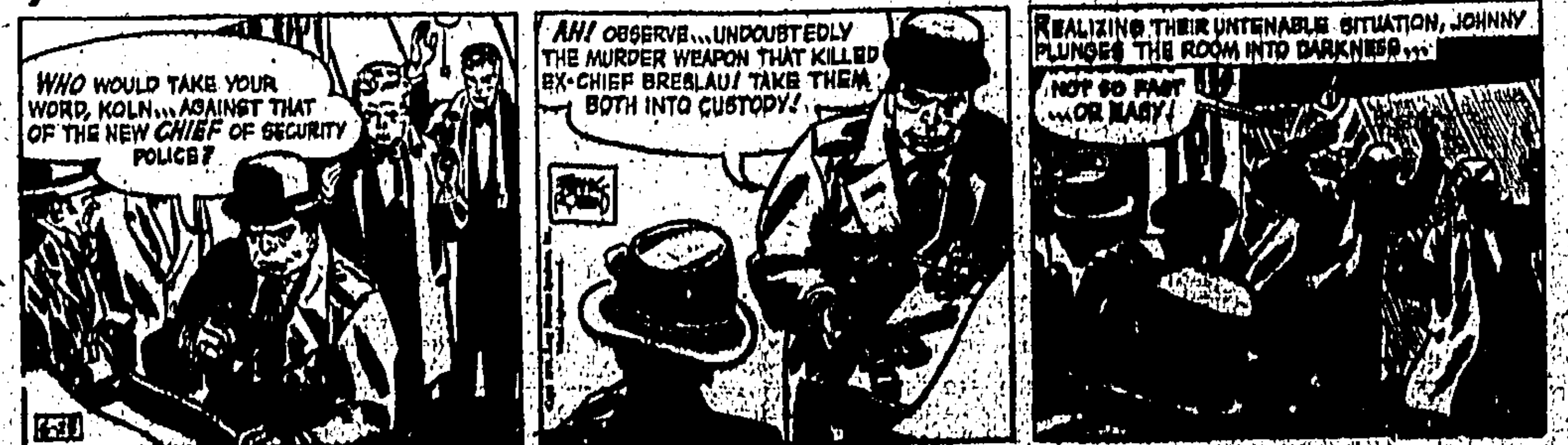
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By Ernie Bushmiller



JOHNNY HAZARD

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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Supplementary Budget Speculation

Harrogate Conference Criticised

London, Oct. 24.
The Manchester Guardian said yesterday in an editorial headed "Cottons Future":

"Lancashire has been getting a bad name among the politicians lately for political expediency but it is being beaten on price, often by narrow margins. And it is possible to make savings in production costs that may make all the difference... but everybody agreed that Lancashire cannot compete so long as a single-shift system is worked and even a double shift system (of 37½ hours and a 20 per cent increase of wages) is not everything."

TIMES COMMENT

The London Times, in an editorial on the same subject, said:

"At the Cotton Board's annual conference at Harrogate Mr. Thorneycroft reaffirmed with courageous clarity the government's determination not to alter their policy in international trade to help the cotton industry. The cotton manufacturers, disturbed by imports from India and Hongkong and by the decline of their exports, seek more protection and the abandonment of the policy of preference to Commonwealth suppliers. This would be contrary to the government's Commonwealth policy (and would endanger other preferences) and to their general trade policy symbolised by the recent renewal of the GATT."

"The object of GATT is to increase world trade by reducing trade barriers and adequate safeguards, but progressively. Because Mr. Thorneycroft has been President of the Board of Trade since the Conservatives returned to office in 1951 he bears the brunt of all the criticism of this trade policy from those whom it hurts and those who disagree with it. But it is nevertheless not his policy only that of the whole government which according to the more vigorous critics at Harrogate is 'murdering the cotton industry.'"

"In the later stages of the Harrogate conference more was fortunately heard from members of the industry, of the other side of the picture, of the damage which the industry is doing to its own prospects by its solid resistance to change."

Bowaters To Consolidate Capital Structure

London, Oct. 22.
The Bowater organisation have announced sweeping plans to consolidate the capital structure, including 100 per cent stock dividend on ordinary stock.

The plan is designed to increase administrative efficiency and facilitate financing future company expansion.

The proposed plan will be voted upon by stockholders of the parent company at a special meeting to be held on November 15.

The main provisions of the plan include issues of 100 per cent stock dividend on ordinary stock, consolidation of three United Kingdom operating paper mills companies into one company, simplification of the preferred capital of Bowater group in the United Kingdom by conversion into a single class of preferred stock of the parent corporation and increasing the authorised and ordinary shares of the company to implement the proposed changes and allow for future requirements. — China Mail Special.

SOME MEASURES ARE CERTAIN BUT WHAT ARE THE SURPRISES?

By Ronald Boxall

London, Oct. 23.

The announcement that Mr Butler is to introduce a supplementary budget next Wednesday took observers completely by surprise. Previous measures of restraint—notably the credit squeeze—were in the Chancellor's own words beginning to bite. September trade returns showed encouraging improvement over earlier months and terms of trade were moving back into Britain's favour. Sterling was on the upgrade and all in all Mr Butler's assurance that there was not a crisis appeared to be more than a politician's wishful thinking.

Up to the time of the announcement financial observers had all but convinced themselves that the next disinflationary attack would be on government's own vast spending programme. Cut in subsidies—certainly on housing; possibly on agriculture—was openly canvassed. With the inflationary situation responding to past treatment this was all that seemed necessary to keep the national economy on the right track.

The decision to have an autumn budget threw public opinion into a state of complete confusion. For a budget at this time of the year can mean only one thing: higher taxes.

Just where the axe will fall is a mystery. Measures that were considered up to the announcement of the budget could all be taken by ministerial order and would not need to be embodied in the finance bill. This does not mean that these measures will not be taken. Indeed, the one thing on which most observers are agreed is that Mr Butler will announce a cut in the housing subsidy. But it does not mean that the government does not have other surprises up their sleeve. All that is certain is that they won't be popular.

Narrowed Down

Normally budgets are looked forward to with a mixture of apprehension and pleasant anticipation. There is always the fear that something will be taken away, but that is usually balanced by the knowledge that something may be given back.

No such uncertainties exist about next week's budget. What ever it contains it won't be a surprise. That automatically narrows down the field of speculation; but it does not simplify the task of trying to anticipate the Chancellor's proposals.

Clearly he believes that there is too much spending going on.

And so there is. But who are the chief culprits? government themselves, industry or the public? Most commentators felt that they are all to blame—and in that order.

Apart from the expected announcement of a cut in the housing subsidy—which incidentally will be fought tooth and nail by the Socialist Opposition—little if anything is likely to be learned about the government's plans for pruning its own expenditure. That must await the normal annual budget next spring.

In any case the sort of cuts that are considered most likely in government expenditure do not need a budget to usher them in. So the burden of any new restraints imposed next week must fall on industry or the public or both.

Extra Spending

Excessive spending that both the sectors of the economy have been indulging in is of a particular type. The trouble is not so much they are spending more on current consumption—industry for more raw materials and the public for more food and clothing and so on. Indeed it is debatable whether this sort of extra spending can be called "excessive" since it is a natural corollary of healthy expansion and therefore (within reason of course) socially and economically desirable. The sort of spending that is less desirable in the present over-expanded state of

the economy is that which involves the creation of new credit—for such things as new plant for industry, new factories, new refrigerators and motorcars for the public.

To mention these things, however, is to show how tricky the present situation is. For action to control investment—either in new industrial capital or consumer durable goods—would be to put it mildly, politically embarrassing for the Conservative government. But that would not matter if it was the right thing to do. The question is: is it?

A cut in industrial investment could be brought about quite simply by withdrawing or reducing investment allowances against income tax at present granted to concerns that invest in new buildings or equipment. And if this were done on a selective basis so as to damp down the least desirable forms of investment, it might be justified economically.

Alternative

To discriminate between one type of investment and another, however, would brand the government in the eyes of many of their supporters as little more than Socialist "planners." The alternative—to enforce a general cut in investment throughout the economy by fiscal means on top of the previous monetary restraints—might be more acceptable to the Conservative theorists. But best it would restrain demand at the expense of slowing down Britain's efforts to make herself economically stronger in the highly competitive world and at worst it might induce more disinflation than is either necessary or desirable.

An enforced cut in the public's spending on durable consumer goods is also open to objection though for different reasons. Insofar as the boom has been caused by too much spending on the hire-purchase plan it will sooner or later correct itself without official intervention. For money that is earmarked for future instalment payments cannot be spent on other things. And this must relieve the pressure on too much money chasing too few goods.

However, if it is the Chancellor's intention to discourage spending on goods like refrigerators and motorcars in order to leave more free for exports, he could do so without the budget. The only measure in this direction that would require parliamentary sanction is the introduction of a completely new purchase tax regime.

A Possibility

A further possibility that has been canvassed is an increase in tax on distributed profits designed to restrain dividend payments. Political justification would be that this might induce the trade unions to be more restrained in their wage demands. But economically it would be unjustifiable.

All in all the Chancellor's field of action is considerably restricted—either by political considerations or of the risk of toppling the scale too far in the other direction. If one thing is more certain than another it is that after next Wednesday's dramatic action against the pound, the government's expenditure will become even more insulated from market appreciation.—United Press.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET REVIEW

By William T. Plunkett

New York, Oct. 23.

Cotton futures trading this past week became more two-sided in a less active market as traders pondered the question of future price supports in face of a steadily increasing national surplus of raw cotton.

At Friday's close the list ruled 30 points higher to 41 points lower, or up \$1.05 to 41¢ a bale compared with the preceding week.

While the nearby months, with December in the lead, kept edging higher, the new crop months kept working lower. The discount on new crop December under the current spot month widened to 16¢ a bale, an increase of 3¢ for the week.

Strength in the current months was coupled with: 1. Shipper covering against export commitments, possibly Korea; 2. A steady reduction in the stock of cotton available for contract delivery; 3. A belief that supplies in commercial channels are apt to tighten up when the peak of the harvesting season is over and producers speed the rate of entries into the loan.

LOAN ENTRIES

Loan entries for the week ended Oct. 14 were 595,243,780 bales, the greatest amount for any week since the season started on Aug. 1. Impoundings so far of 750,000 bales are more than double the amount at the same time last year. Statisticians figured about 16 per cent of the ginnings so far are under the loan canopy. Moreover, the government at the end of October will take over the 1,050,000 bales from the 1954 crop.

Informed sources also reported offerings of spot cotton have not been as free as a few weeks ago. As a result, selling prices under the loan have narrowed, and there are indications of an active holding movement among the growers.

The Census Bureau reported domestic consumption of all raw cotton in September at 874,837 bales compared with 817,459 bales used in the same period last year. Consumption since August 1 totalled 1,092,064 bales compared with 1,485,221 bales at the same period last season.—United Press.

Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, Oct. 23.

The market opened easier on Saturday and steadied on short covering later. Future closings: No. 1 rubber per lb. 122½-123½; No. 2 rubber per lb. 121½-122½; No. 3 rubber per lb. 120-120½; No. 4 rubber per lb. 118-119; No. 5 rubber per lb. 112-113; Spot rubber unbleached 124½-125½; Natural crepe 120-121; No. 1 pale crepe 130-134.—United Press.

The Bank Of England Statement

London, Oct. 23.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Oct. 18, reads as follows:

Note in circulation 1,704,285,550
Public deposits 13,120,000
Private deposits 32,517,500
Government securities 37,114,554
Other securities 48,800,000
Reserves 38,401,500
Ratio 112

—United Press.

The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Oct. 23.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended Oct. 18, reads as follows:

Gold holdings 2,501,501,436
Foreign currencies 15,377,194,024
Total balance abroad 17,878,695,460
Advances to States 714,000,000
Advances to banks 214,000,000
Advances to industry 2,700,000,000
Current accounts 121,000,000
Deposits 1,100,000,000

Formosa's Ban On Canned Fish

Tokyo, Oct. 23.

Japanese exporters of canned fish have asked the Foreign Office to open talks with the National Government on Formosa's ban on canned fish imports. It was reported today.

Formosa was one of Japan's biggest markets for canned fish particularly sardines and mackerel before it banned imports early last month. The Formosan restriction on canned fish imports has hurt the Japanese all the more because at least two other Southeast Asian nations have done the same.

India and Indonesia recently dropped their imports because of tight foreign currency situation in the two nations.

Japan last year exported 58,275 cases of canned fish to Formosa.—United Press.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$980,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES
BANKS
HSK Bank 1700
INSURANCES
Union 940 950 10 047½
Lombard 53 10
Underwriters 10

DOCKS, ETC.
K. Wharf 72
Doek 20½ 203 20 20 20
Provident (O) 15 15 15 15 15 15
Electric 123 120 120 120 120 120
Wheelock 9 45 9 55 17 000 0 12

LAND, ETC.
HSK Hotel 16 30 16 30 400 18 ½
HSK Land 13 05 13 00 200 15 ½
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220 37 25
200 30

Humphreys 22 90
Realty 2 20 2 30
RUBBER
A. Rubber 1 95
Trust 1 00

UTILITIES
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Y. Light Ferry 114 118 100 115
C. Light (O) 22 25 20 6500 22 10
C. Light (N) 17 50 15 2000 17 50
Electric 123 120 120 120 120 120
Macao Elec. 11 60
Telephone 33 35 1/2 2000 33 1/2

INDUSTRIALS
Cement 37 1/2 37 1/2 2400 37 1/2
Rope 17 10
STONES, ETC.
Daly 20 10 20 40 700 20 40
Walsop 14 70
L. Crawford 37 1/2
Kwong Sang 167

COTTONS
Textile Corp 5 80 6
MISCELLANEOUS
Allied 5 05 6 05 10000 6 0

Singapore
Singapore, Oct. 24.
Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

Batu Lintang Rubber Co. Opening
Ltd. British Borneo Petroleum 42-
Syndicate Consolidated Tin 20/-
Ord. Fraser & Neave Ltd. Ord. 21 1/2
Fraser & Neave 7 1/2 1000
pref. Hongkong & Shanghai Bank 3000
Hongkong Tin Ltd. 7/0
Kempas Ltd. 1/48
Lunas Rubber Estates Ltd. 12 50
Malayan Breweries 33 1/2
New Serendah Rubber Co. Ltd. 11 50
Pallang Tin Ltd. 44 50
Raffles Hotel 22 50
Singapore Cold Storage 110 07
South British Insurance Co. Ltd. 220 00
Straits Trading 11 50
Straits Steamship 11 50
United Engineers Ord. 110 00
Wearne Bros. 22 50
—China Mail Special.

Singapore Stock Market

Exchange Rates
Diplomats was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:
U.S. dollar (per \$1) 37 1/2
Sterling notes (per £1) 11 1/2
Australian notes (per £1) 11 1/2
New Zealand notes (per £1) 11 1/2
U.S. dollar (per 100) 37 1/2
Singapore (Malaya) 1 50

London Markets Got A Shock

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Oct. 22.

London Stock Exchange was marking time while it waited the announcement of what it thought would be a comparatively mild economic measure next week when the news that there would be an autumn budget burst on them.

The market immediately revised its view of what the future held. If the government considered the situation warranted a supplementary budget—an "emergency" budget as it was termed in the newspapers—apparently the economy was in a worse state than the market had thought.

And since the budget would be designed primarily to cut back spending—both by industry and the public in general—it would inevitably have an adverse effect on company profits and dividends. So on Thursday industrial shares were marked down sharply—in some cases by as much as 6s—and the Financial Times index dropped 5.6 to 183.8.

But while the prospect of determined measures to curb demand and stamp out inflation held nothing but gloom for industrial shares it had the opposite effect on gilt-edged securities. For anything that helps to head off inflation, it was argued, must benefit holders of fixed-interest securities. So gilt-edged advanced all round on the news with some stocks showing 10s gains.

Biggest Falls

The biggest price falls among the industrials were suffered by these shares such as building, electrical equipment and stores which had led a short-lived rally earlier in the week.

The lower prices attracted some buyers on Thursday but there was no follow through to this demand and only a little of the day's losses were regained.

By Friday investors had got over the initial shock but the tendency again was for industrial shares to fall and gilts to rise. In other markets oils had much the same experience as industrial shares, but earlier losses of up to 5s 6d were partially recovered and, the lenders finished 2s down, on Thursday and steadied further next day.

Mines improved after a dull start and placid issues showed no definite trend.

US RAW COTTON EXPORTS

New York, Oct. 23.

Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in bales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1955-56 season to October 18 were as follows:

Britain 22,132
Continental 15,414
Orient 14,066
Canada 30,221
Total for season 207,553
Same period last season 207,513
—United Press.

Router.

PHOTOGRAPHS by our Staff Photographers

Yacht Club Regatta
Fire at West Point
Rennies Mill Clinic
Shatin Post Office
Police Training School
Ceylon Trade Delegation
Joint Kaifong Celebration
Heep Yuen School Bazaar
Maternity Wing at B.M.H.
Stanley Prison Officers Club
Motor Scooter Treasure Hunt
Civil Air Service Training Centre
H.K.A.A. Meeting & Prizegiving
Hong Kong Regiment Band, Jazz Concert
Navy Mounts Guard at Government House
Land Forces Motor Cycling Championships
Chinese Football Association Dinner
Wah Yan College Old Boys Dinner
Presentation at Victoria Barracks
Tung Wah Hospital Flower Day
St. John Ambulance Inspection
Indian Association Reception
H.K.F.C. Bowls Prizegiving
E.Y.M.C.A. Sale of Work
Hospital Sunday Services
U.N. Association Party
Trafalgar Day Dinner
All Local Sports
Local Presentations
Local Weddings
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1955.

SHEAFFER'S
ADMIRAL "SNORKEL" PEN

Alleged Insubordination

Testimony By Chief Officer

Mr Henry Gates Bhorburn, Chief Officer of the British ship Poplar Hill, testified how nine Dutch members of the ship's crew refused to work on several occasions, and how the alleged attempt of assault on the ship's master by five of them took place while the ship was at Whampoa ten days ago, as the trial of the men resumed at the Marine Court before Mr A. G. Parker this morning.

Mr Bhorburn, in his evidence, quoted one of the defendants, as saying "Let me at him (the captain). I'll kill the B. . . ." when the man was struggling with an opponent on board who tried to stop the accused at the alleyway leading to the captain's cabin on the night of October 17.

Six of the crewmembers, Aard Paulus Schouten, Louis Eugene M. Van den Berg, Frederick Guyot, Teunis Beunaveld, Arent Vredenburg and Kelt Jacobus Karstetker, were charged with continuing and wilfully being neglectful of their duty aboard the Poplar Hill on October 17, 18 and 19.

Downsizer was charged with the same offence on October 18 and 19. Leonard Emanuel Puntke with the same offence on October 17, 18, and 19 and the ninth defendant, Jacobus van der Meer, was charged with impeding the progress of the voyage of the ship to Hong Kong on October 19.

Five of the defendants, Schouten, Van den Berg, Frederick Guyot, Puntke and Jacobus were further charged with attempting to assault the ship's master, Captain John Anthony Williams, on October 17.

Mr F. G. Nigel, of Messrs Johnson, Stokes and Master, is representing the complainant, Captain Williams. Defendants are represented by Mr D. L. Strellett, of Messrs Stratton and Company. They pleaded not guilty.

The case began on Saturday when Captain Williams gave his account of the alleged incidents.

WRONG PERSON
When the case resumed this morning, Mr Nigel asked that the person who had been charged as being the person who should be charged was Vredenburg. The request was granted and the case proceeded formally charged with the offence.

Mr Nigel also pointed out that owing to the fact that the Poplar Hill would be due to leave port shortly, he would like the cross-examination of the captain to be completed by the afternoon.

Chief Officer to be reserved to enable other witnesses to finish their evidence and cross-examine that they could return to their ship as early as possible. To this, the Magistrate and the Defence Counsel agreed.

In the witness box, Mr Bhorburn said that the Poplar Hill arrived at Whampoa at about 1.30 p.m. on October 14. A request from the defendants was refused to allow them to leave the ship on the following day, being Saturday, the reason being that the master, who replied that certain amount of work had to be done the next morning and that the captain would take into consideration that leave would be granted on Saturday afternoon and Sunday. He gave the reply to the boatwain, Mr Bhorburn said, and at the time Quincey was among those present.

ISSUED MONEY
Witness went on to say that in the afternoon on Friday, he, assisted by some other officers, issued money to the defendants, three pounds and their own passports. They went ashore later in the evening.

On the morning of October 15, Mr Bhorburn said, defendants, with exception of Bunka, did not turn up to their duty. The evening work done by the other defendants that day. As a result, witness said, the officers, the boatwain and crew were forced to take over the job of adjusting the deck gear work, not normally carried out by officers.

On October 16, Mr Bhorburn continued, he took a preview of the crew to the shore. The captain conducted his inspection. He found all the five cabins were in a chaotic condition.

The defendant responsible for the untidy state of their cabins were brought before the court on that day and were not working on Saturday were lodged also at the same time.

On that day, October 17, Defendants did not work again with the exception of Bhorburn, Bunka, and Jacobus, and instead went ashore. He told the Master later that they were not working because they objected to the lodging.

THREATENS CAPTAIN
Defendants returned to the ship that night. One of the defendants, among others attempting to go to the captain's cabin, Jacobus, was on the way to the captain's cabin, behaved in a violent manner and was going towards the captain's cabin through the alleyway. The captain tried to restrain Quincey. During the course of the struggle with each other, Quincey shouted threats on to the captain, saying that he would kill him. However, Quincey was not successful, said Mr Bhorburn, after the third officer, Quincey and him had been threatened for half an hour. The case is continuing.

Visiting Colony
Mr Alphonse Ponce-Enrie, Hon. Vice-Consul for Thailand in the Philippines, arrived here this morning in the mv Camboe from Manila with his wife for a short visit to Hong Kong.

OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

State Premier Steals March On Prime Minister

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Oct. 18.
The State Premier, Mr Cahill, has stolen rather a tactical march on the Prime Minister by deciding to hold his election on December 3.

While both Federal and State Governments had been hinting that they would go to the country before Christmas no one had taken them seriously. Two days before the Premier made his announcement we were talking to a Labour member well up in the Party who gave it out that an election was not likely before mid-January.

The best Mr Menzies can do now is to hold his election on the same day as the State—which is possible; if he follows too closely afterwards a NSW Labour victory would not help his chances, so it is on the cards now that plans for a Federal election will be shelved until the autumn—although the NSW Liberals are doing their best to get him into the arena at the same time as the State vote.

Quincey's feature is that most everybody, including Federal Liberals, concede that the NSW Labour Government is as good as returned.

We're not tipping anything, but a change of Government would not come as any surprise.

HARD ON PUNTERS
We two bob punters deserve all the misery and sadness which our misplaced fancies bring us.

Just about this time last year a New Zealand horse called Rising Fast won the Caulfield Cup carrying 8-10. For that win he was penalised 9lb, which caused a mighty outcry from owner and trainer.

"With 9-5 on his back," said the trainer, "the handicapper has invited us not to run him in the Melbourne Cup."

But they did not accept the invitation and Rising Fast won in something not much faster than a canter.

Back here again this year he wins the Melbourne Cup. Handicap carrying 9-8, turns out on the Wednesday and is an unlucky second in the Caulfield Stakes with 9-2.

It is just a natural sequence that he should walk away from the Caulfield Cup carrying 9-10 (after the race is over).

He'll carry 10st in the Melbourne Cup—so it shouldn't be hard to pick the winner there.

Except for us—and we'll be looking for something to beat it again.

Rising Fast is one of the greatest horses this country has seen.

SHOWS THE FLAG
All is quiet in the Eden fishing war at the moment, and as forecast in this column last week, the Navy has been down there showing the flag.

The corvette, HMAS Gladstone, broke off naval exercises and visited the port, crew members being given shore leave for the night.

Bluntly, it boils down to the fact that the "war" between Australian and Italian fishing fleets began over the fact that the Italians work far harder than the Australians.

WON'T STARVE
So our Davis Cup stars Hoad and Rosewall have knocked back Professional Jack Kramer and his £20,000.

This means that Australian tennis will have, then for a few more years, and while we would be the last to belittle their decision to remain amateurs, let's say that neither will starve to death.

No top line players in amateur tennis remain on the breadline, while it is estimated that Rosewall's income from employment sources will be £3,000 a year.

There has been less to say about Hoad's financial set-up, but it is known that he and his new tennis playing wife, Jenny, are keen to make a playing trip abroad next year. He is also keen on winning Wimbledon before starting a pro career.

But one thing is certain: If their form holds after a few years they will join the professional ranks, and from now on it is likely to be a duel between the twins.

This time they were on even money. By the time the next offer is made one will have asserted a superiority over the other.



As usual, crowds queued up in Garden Road this morning for trams to take them to the top of the Peak for the annual Chung Yeung festival. — Picture by staff photographer.

Chung Yeung Festival

A queue of passengers for the Peak Tram this morning began before 5 a.m., and stretched from the Tram Station to Queen's Road from shortly after that hour until this afternoon—in spite of increased tram services running then up to Victoria Peak at the rate of seven trams (434 passengers) an hour.

Kowloon Railway Station was also crowded with queues waiting for a doubled service with 12 special trains to take them out to walking and climbing points in the New Territories.

The occasion is the Chung Yeung Festival when it is considered lucky to climb as high as possible, and many families take the opportunity to visit family graves, normally situated on hillsides and in high places.

United Nations Day

Today is United Nations Day, and to mark the occasion, the United Nations radio has prepared a major feature production "Charter in a Saucer".

This programme, written by Norman Corwin, and starring Laurence Olivier, was produced in London by the BBC feature department by Laurence Gilliam, and it has a specially composed musical score written and conducted by Walter Goehr.

"Charter in a Saucer" will be broadcast by Radio Hong Kong at 9 o'clock this evening, and a Cantonese adaptation of the script will be heard on the Chinese Service at 8 p.m.

CHAIN STORE WAR
A great old chain store war is likely to flare up in this country in the near future, and the newly merged Walton-Sears Roebuck might not find victory a complete pushover.

Sears Roebuck, one of the biggest chain stores in the world, with HQ in Chicago, recently linked with the Australian firm, Walton's Ltd.

The merged firm has announced that it will build a store in every town that now carries a chain store which means that more than 200 stores are to be built.

One department new to Australian chain stores will be spare parts and tyres for motor vehicles, while stores in the outback will carry rural machinery.

ALL OVER 4/9d
Paper worth 4/9d delayed a ship more than 24 hours in Melbourne this week. The United Stevedoring Company refused to buy paper towelling worth this amount for waterlaid workers on the freighter City of Brisbane.

The Melbourne representative for the Stevedoring Industry Board—a semi-Government organisation—said he would buy the paper himself rather than see the ship delayed.

The dispute was finally settled and the ship got away.

The annual report of the National Roads and Motorists Association—NRMA—which has more than 500,000 members in NSW, hit at the general standard of hotel accommodation and states that motels may solve the problem of this inadequate accommodation.

It is heartily behind the idea of motels, which are gradually springing up all over the State.

Police Constable On Corruption Charge

A Police constable attached to the Traffic Department who allegedly extorted money from a garage supervisor faced trial before Judge J. Reynolds at the Victoria District Court this morning on two charges of corruption and extortion.

Represented by Mr R. W. S. Winter, (instructed by Mr G. E. S. Stevenson, of Messrs J. C. Stewart and Co.), the accused, Lui Yee-chuen, 24, a native of Shantung, pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Lui was alleged to have corruptly received \$380 on account of himself and other members of the Traffic branch for forbearing to do their duty in respect of possible future breaches of Vehicle and Road Traffic Ordinance by the drivers of certain public vehicles under the supervision or control of one, Hung King-chuen, on July 15.

He was also alleged to have extorted the money from Hung. Outlining the case for the Prosecution, Insp. K. Bodie said that the accused, PC2976, was on duty in a special Mobile Task Force just prior to July 4. The Force consisted of two squads with one NCO and five constables in each squad, and Sgt. 2822 in charge of the Force.

The duty of his Task Force was to patrol streets of Hong Kong and take action against any lorries, military and public vehicles and taxis should such vehicles commit an offence, Insp. Bodie said.

Evidence would be given that the accused was taken off his duty and put on a foot patrol on the evening of July 12. The accused then went to the Kwong Nam Garage, No. 5 Stewart Road, (a public vehicle garage) where he had a conversation with the supervisor of the garage, Hung King-chuen. During the conversation, the accused allegedly asked Hung to give him some money on behalf of the Task Force whereupon Hung asked the accused for his name and number which were accordingly given.

REPORT MADE
Later Hung reported to the Police and DPC Wan Chuen was directed to give certain instructions to Hung, Insp. Bodie said. Evidence would be given that the accused visited

the garage on July 13, 14 and 15, and on July 14, he and Hung met in a cafe in Lockhart Road where he wrote on a piece of paper supplied by a waiter, numbers relating to the NCOs and PCs who were on the Task Force.

Insp. Bodie said that Det. Sub-Insps Ip Chi-chiu, upon receiving \$380 from the Anti-Corruption Branch, gave the notes to Hung in the garage on the evening of July 15. Later, the accused arrived and spoke with Hung.

As the accused left the garage, he was stopped by Insp. Ip with the money in his shirt pocket. In the Police Station later, he made a cautioned statement and statement in answer to the charge.

Hearing is continuing.

Radio Hongkong
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Time signal and Programme Summary; 6.30, Stock Market Report; 6.45, Children's Programme presented by Elizabeth (Studio); 6.50, Australian Magazine; 6.55, Masters of Melody; 7.00, Bobbie Britton and his Orchestra; 7.05, The Music of Albert Ketelbey (BBC); 7.10, 7.15, 7.20, 7.25, 7.30, 7.35, 7.40, 7.45, 7.50, 7.55, 8.00, 8.05, 8.10, 8.15, 8.20, 8.25, 8.30, 8.35, 8.40, 8.45, 8.50, 8.55, 9.00, 9.05, 9.10, 9.15, 9.20, 9.25, 9.30, 9.35, 9.40, 9.45, 9.50, 9.55, 10.00, 10.05, 10.10, 10.15, 10.20, 10.25, 10.30, 10.35, 10.40, 10.45, 10.50, 10.55, 11.00, 11.05, 11.10, 11.15, 11.20, 11.25, 11.30, 11.35, 11.40, 11.45, 11.50, 11.55, 12.00, 12.05, 12.10, 12.15, 12.20, 12.25, 12.30, 12.35, 12.40, 12.45, 12.50, 12.55, 1.00, 1.05, 1.10, 1.15, 1.20, 1.25, 1.30, 1.35, 1.40, 1.45, 1.50, 1.55, 2.00, 2.05, 2.10, 2.15, 2.20, 2.25, 2.30, 2.35, 2.40, 2.45, 2.50, 2.55, 3.00, 3.05, 3.10, 3.15, 3.20, 3.25, 3.30, 3.35, 3.40, 3.45, 3.50, 3.55, 4.00, 4.05, 4.10, 4.15, 4.20, 4.25, 4.30, 4.35, 4.40, 4.45, 4.50, 4.55, 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